

## City Council Votes to Issue Contract For First Forest Preserve Assessment

by Kathleen Gallagher

At its September 28 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council adopted on a 6-1 vote a resolution to authorize issuing a contract to A. Morton Thomas and Associates of Rockville (AMT) to undertake the first comprehensive health assessment of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve since its establishment in 2003. The resolution had been introduced for first reading at council's September 15 meeting. Councilmember Rodney Roberts cast the dissenting vote.

Like most actions taken regarding the preserve, this one was punctuated by strong and vocal disagreement from a minority of the members of the city's Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB), as well as by a series of letters and paid advertisements in this paper. Discussion permitted by Mayor Emmett Jordan prior to taking the vote was largely repetitive of a longer discussion that took place at an August 31 worksession devoted entirely to the topic of awarding this contract.

Adoption of the resolution may provide at least a time-out, though not a solution, for a disagreement that has been being waged for some time among members of FPAB, city staff and

councilmembers regarding the intent and interpretation of the legislation and documents governing the care of the preserve. The assessment has been judged to be an essential step in gathering data that will inform decisions to be made in the future regarding the management—or lack of same—for the Forest Preserve.

The award of the contract was the outcome of a worksession on August 31 about the proposals received in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the city to undertake the assessment. The worksession was scheduled in response to objections taken to the RFP process and its likely outcomes by some members of FPAB. It was attended by the board, all members of the city council, City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze, who also serves as the staff liaison to FPAB.

### Invasives Dispute

Although FPAB has been embroiled in a series of disputes over the last several years, the most recent one erupted in 2014 when a minority of its members expressed an intent to work with volunteer groups to begin removing certain invasive plant species from the Forest Preserve. Other

members opposed the activity as not meeting the requirements of the maintenance and management guidelines. Some opposed any plant removal at all. Others opposed removing any plants without an approved management plan for doing so.

In a worksession with the city council in November of last year to deal with the invasives issue, no consensus evolved on that subject, but there was agreement that an assessment of the state of the Forest Preserve should be sought, in compliance with the recommendation of the preserve's management and maintenance guidelines that "in order to make informed decisions regarding the physical health of the Forest Preserve, it is important to have a baseline assessment of current conditions." The guidelines go on to say:

"Obtaining such an evaluation from an appropriately trained forest biologist/ecologist or horticulturalist would give the City an invaluable tool to further define and refine maintenance activities necessary to protect the Forest Preserves for current and future generations of Greenbelters."

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### Public Lands Day

## Volunteers Partner With Public Works, LandCare to Weed, Plant

by Erin Josephitis

During National Public Lands Day weekend, the Greenbelt Public Works Department partnered with several community organizations to restore and protect Greenbelt's public lands. On Friday, September 25, 27 volunteers from LandCare (formerly TruGreen LandCare) teamed up with Public Works employees to collaborate on a revitalization project at Buddy Attick Park. After morning stretches, the volunteers were divided into three groups. The first group picked up recycling and trash around the lake; the second group weeded and planted perennials, such as asters, Rudbeckia, Echinacea and

goldenrod along the shoreline; and the third group planted tall grass, shrubs and trees to provide shelter for birds and small animals, and raked wildflower seed.

Then, on Saturday, September 26, several councilmembers, over 50 volunteers and Public Works employees gathered in front of Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) for National Public Lands Day. Mayor Emmett Jordan urged "all residents to support efforts to protect our public lands which are a connection to our past, a pledge to our future generations and a continuing source

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### What Goes On

**Saturday, October 17**

**9 a.m. until noon** (or until the truck is full), Shredding Day by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, parking lot behind the credit union, 112 Centerway.

**10 a.m. to noon**, Forest Preserve clean-up, Northway Fields

**Monday, October 19**

**8 p.m.**, Regular city council meeting, Municipal Building, live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at greenbeltnmd.gov

**Tuesday, October 20,**  
**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, Health and Wellness Fair, Community Center

**7:30 p.m.**, Council Worksession on WMATA Access Trail/Buddy Attick Park Design Consultant Selection/Award at the Community Center

**Wednesday, October 21**  
**7 p.m.**, Forest Preserve Advisory Board at the Community Center

**Thursday, October 22**  
**7:30 p.m.**, Four Cities meeting., Greenbelt

**Saturday, October 24**  
**2 to 6 p.m.**, Fall Fest, Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway

### Election 2015

## Incumbent Rodney Roberts, Challenger Susan Stewart File

*Incumbent Rodney Roberts and challenger Susan Stewart are the next two candidates for city council to submit their biographies to this newspaper. Their nomination forms have been certified by City Clerk Cindy Murray. The biographies are prepared by the candidates.*

### Susan Stewart

Susan was born in Washington, D.C. and raised in Maryland. Her parents met across the world from here during the Vietnam War. Her mother is from South Vietnam and her father is a U.S. Army veteran from Talledega, Alabama. As a middle child, she grew up in the Wheaton/Silver Spring area near Sligo Creek Park, where her parents still live.

A serious student who excelled in every subject, Susan pursued a music degree, with the goal to teach children while allowing time to raise a family. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree in violin performance with a minor in mathematics from James Madison University, and received a Master of Music degree in violin performance from the University of Notre Dame on full scholarship. In addition to performing, she taught many students, from ages 3 to 70. Susan and her husband moved to Ohio as her husband pursued his law degree, and in 2006 the couple and their son moved to Greenbelt.

As a stay-at-home mother, Susan worked as a community activist, focusing on progressive and environmental issues. She attended leadership training, lobbied and volunteered with many groups, including the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, the Maryland Sierra Club, Progressive Majority, Wellstone Action, Peace & Justice coalition, Powershift and Progressive MD. Over the years, she contributed her time and efforts on issues such as civil marriage, LGBT equality, ending poverty, preventing climate change, health-care reform, advocating for peace, fighting corruption and protecting the environment. Currently serving on the Executive Committee for the Prince George's Sierra Club, her focus over the last two years has been on Zero Waste and issues on natural gas. On the latter, she has publicly testified and lobbied against fracking, LNG exports and the TPP.

In between being a citizen lobbyist and a mother, she spends much of her time volunteering for local groups such as the Farmer's Market and the PTA, notably having chaired the Labor Day book sale for several years. Her son Nathaniel, age 12, attends Greenbelt

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Susan Stewart

### Election 2015

## Answers to Our Questions

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**Question 3: What uses by residents should or should not be permitted in the city-owned property designated as Forest Preserve and should handicap access be provided? How should it be maintained considering there are invasive plant species and human-generated trash?**

### George Boyce

The City Council established the Forest Preserve in 2003 after decades of work by the Committee to Save the Green Belt and many like-minded residents. As is the healthy nature of Greenbelt, both the purchase and then preservation of the woodland parcels were not without opposition.

The current permitted activities are easy to describe. Visitors are allowed to walk on established trails, up and over logs and across streams. Walking with dogs on leash is permitted. Enjoy the scenery, plants,

and wildlife, but visitors are not permitted to blaze new trails or maintain old ones. Providing any amenities, unfortunately including handicap accessible paths, is contrary to the nature of the Preserve.

The city ordinance explicitly prohibits "commercial enterprise" activities. A non-profit group was recently blocked from conducting educational activities when the group charged a fee. I expect this issue to resurface in the future and I look forward to helping create a permit system

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PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Students walked to Greenbelt Elementary during National Walk to School Day on October 7. See more photos on p. 17.



Election 2015

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Next week’s question is “Should the city have an economic development program and, if so, what kind of development should it seek.” Answers are due by 8 p.m. Monday, October 19.

Letters to the Editor

Omitted Appreciation Of Safety Volunteer

Linda Ivy, chair of Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, wrote a most appreciating letter in the GNR September 17. But I notice that my work was not recognized. At every one of the nine band performances, I was informing parents whenever I found their children to be in areas where the sound levels were unsafe.

There now is an epidemic of early partial hearing loss among young people, and loud bands is one of the reasons. A common lament is: “Oh, those kids and their earbuds and loud music!” Not so fast! It was not the kids who invented and marketed unsafe earbuds, amplifiers and speakers. It has not been their hands controlling the sound levels at loud band events. It was not they who set a bad example for the younger generation by visibly tolerating and enjoying hazardously loud music.

Let’s make more prevalent the knowledge that excessive sound levels cause hearing loss. I suggest just talking and texting anyone who might listen, and also mentioning DangerousDecibels.org among other such websites.

Hopefully at next year’s Labor Day Festival, Greenbelt will take the lead in protecting local children’s hearing by decreasing the sound levels of the loudest bands, and will thereby define itself as being great in yet another way!

Bill Norwood

FBI Headquarters: Just Say No

I have lived in this great town most of my life, over 60 years. I have never written to a newspaper before, but I am now after reading last week’s council candidates’ responses to the FBI headquarters question. Almost every candidate thinks the FBI headquarters would be great for Greenbelt. They have become obsessed with increasing tax revenue, and they say it will increase our property values. But they ignore what it will mean for our quality of life.

I think the council has lost

touch with the feelings of the people who live here. I would love to take a poll of our residents to see how many actually want the FBI headquarters and its 11,000 employees in our backyard. Council candidates say these employees will take the Metro and spend money in our local businesses. I say they will drive their cars, eat in their work cafeteria and then drive home. We will all avoid that part of town because of the traffic congestion they cause.

If you have to raise taxes to pay for the services we receive, okay, go ahead. I’m willing to pay for what I get, and I think most Greenbelters would too. That seems better to me than another office building or some shopping area we don’t need or want. And what difference does it make if our property values go up – a questionable assumption itself – if the Greenbelt we love is fundamentally changed for the worse?

I know it’s probably too late; the decision has already been made. But I just want to go on record as one resident who hopes the FBI goes somewhere else.

Joe O’Brien

Responsibility Needs Open Government

We are responding to Willis Witter’s letter to the editor, “The Forest Preserve is Our Responsibility.”

On September 28, the city council authorized hiring A. Morton Thomas and Associates (AMT) to prepare a forest preserve health assessment. We have concerns that this plan, and the hiring of AMT, will weaken the protections for the preserve.

Witter wrote that he has not found anyone who wants to weaken protections of the Preserve. But at the November 24 city council meeting, the council approved a plan to have city staff review the Forest Preserve Article of the City Code and suggest changes.

According to Witter, the Forest Preserve Management and

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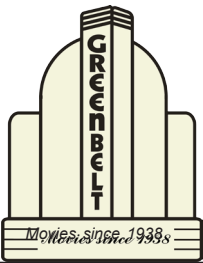
On Screen

When Black Panthers Mattered

Opening on Friday, October 16 at Old Greenbelt Theatre is The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution. This highly-praised documentary focuses on the action-minded group formed in Oakland in 1966 with the slogan, Power to the People. Led by Eldridge Cleaver and other charismatic figures, the Panthers drew much attention from the FBI and in the media – not least when eight heavily-armed members, citing state law and the U.S. Constitution, marched into the California statehouse. They created community programs but internal divisiveness and government repression forced the end of the Black Panthers.

Unrated (contains adult themes, obscenity and graphic violence). Running time: 113 minutes.

– Eli Flam



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All shows before 5 PM:  
Adults \$7, Kids \$5  
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SHOWTIMES  
Oct 16 – Oct 22

BLACK PANTHERS:  
VANGUARD OF THE  
REVOLUTION  
(115m.)

Fri. 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM  
Sat. & Sun. 3:15 PM,  
5:30 PM, 8:00 PM  
Mon. 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM  
Tues. 8:00 PM  
Weds. 3:15 PM, 8:00 PM  
Thurs. 1:00 PM, 5:30 PM

NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD  
(1968) (96m.)  
Fri. 11:00 PM

HOME MOVIE DAY!  
Bring your old home movies  
in and see them on the  
big screen!  
8mm, Super-8, 16mm  
Sat. 1-3pm

A POEM IS A NAKED PERSON  
(1974) (90m.)  
Sat. 11:00 PM

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING  
(89m.)  
Tues. 5:30 PM

BACK TO THE FUTURE,  
PART II  
(PG) (1989) (108m.)  
Weds. 1:00 PM, 5:30 PM

THE WHO:  
LIVE IN HYDE PARK  
Thurs. 3:15PM, 8:00 PM

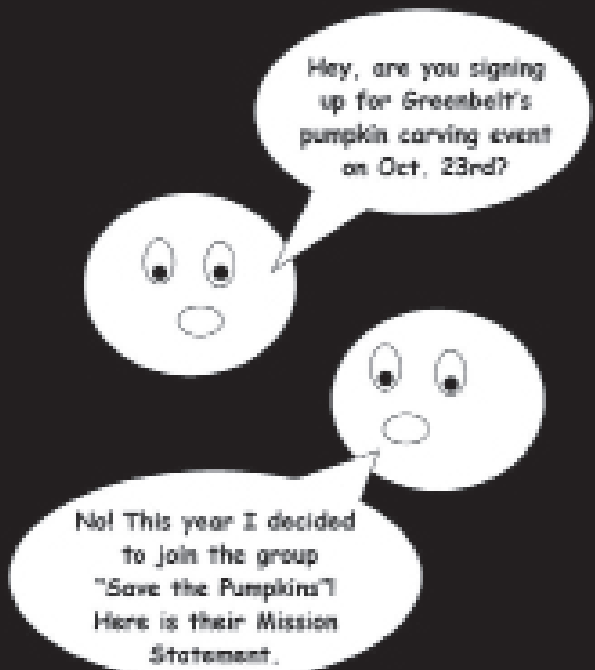
Co-op Month Film Series:

Sunday, 10/18, 12:30pm  
How to Start a Cooperative  
Food Buying Club (9m.)  
Food For Change (84m.)

Sunday, 10/25, 6:30pm  
CELEBRATING  
GREENBELT’S CO-OPS:  
PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE  
The City (1939) (43m.)  
Go Co-op! (18m.)  
The ABCs of Cooperative  
Childcare (21 m.)  
Welcome to Greenbelt Homes,  
Inc: A Pre-Purchase  
Orientation (16m.)

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Each year, millions of pumpkins are subjected to torture by carving and burning candles. Help STOP this atrocity. eat more pumpkin pls.

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Clarification

A blunder is a blunder. The handwritten word Among became Armory as the headline was entered into the computer to top the Utopia Film Festival story on page one last week. This newspaper has learned from reliable sources there will be no salty films by Utopia this year. The News Review greatly regrets the error.

Correction.

The photo caption in last week’s article on the National Book Festival (page 7) was incorrect. It should have read: Jacqueline Miller Byrd (right) volunteers at the National Book Festival, where she met fellow Greenbelters Ronnie Scotkin (left) and Ed Hickey.

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# Community Events

## Medicare Part D Help for Seniors

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living is accepting appointments for Medicare Part D plan review from October 15 to December 7. Each year Part D plans have the opportunity to change their formulary list in addition to increasing their premium. Unfortunately, the insurance companies do not inform their participants that they may be directly affected by the formulary changes. They only send out form letters that notify members of a potential premium increase. If you would like to schedule an appointment to have your Medicare Part D plan reviewed or if you are new to Medicare Part D and have some questions, please contact the GAIL Program office at 301-345-6660 ext. 2012 to schedule an appointment beginning Monday, October 26.

## GHI Hosts Candidates Forum October 20

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) will host a City Council Candidates' Forum in the Municipal Building Council Room from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, October 20. All candidates have been invited. Each candidate will make a short statement and respond to questions posed by the moderator, GHI President Steve Skolnik. The forum will be cablecast live on Comcast Channel 71 and Verizon Channel 21, video-streamed live from the city's website, replayed on the cable stations and available on demand from the city's website.

## GIVES Sponsors Safe Driver Course

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will sponsor the AARP Safe Driver Course again this fall. There will be only one session: on Monday, November 2. There will not be a second session on November 4 as previously announced. The course will begin at 10 a.m., include a 45-minute break for lunch and finish at 3 p.m. There is a fee. To register, call the GIVES office at 301-507-6580.

## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, October 15, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room  
Saturday, October 17, 11 a.m., Pre-Purchase Orientation, Board Room  
Tuesday, October 20, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby  
Tuesday, October 20, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, GHI Board Room  
Wednesday, October 21, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, GHI Board Room  
Friday, October 23, OFFICE CLOSED. For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011.

## Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, open to the public, on Saturday evening, October 17, at the City of Greenbelt Observatory, located at Northway Fields. With the observatory telescope, we plan to observe double stars, star clusters, planetary nebulae, a diffuse nebula and galaxies. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill. Saturn will be setting early, but Neptune and Uranus will be up, along with a crescent Moon. Observing will begin at around 7:30 p.m. and continue for about two hours. There is no fee for the event. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

## Co-op Board Elections

Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (Co-op) has scheduled its annual meeting for Saturday, November 7 at 11 a.m. in the Multipurpose room of the Community Center. During the annual meeting, two board members will be elected to serve three-year terms. Both incumbents — Bill Jones and Joe Timer — are running for re-election. Members interested in serving as directors are asked to contact the Nominations and Elections committee (membership@greenbelt.coop). Nomination forms are available at the Co-op's service office.

## Free Screenings At Health Fair

The Greenbelt Health and Wellness Fair will be on Tuesday, October 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center. The fair offers free health and wellness screenings and information from local service providers.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.  
All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of October 19 are as follows:  
Monday, October 19: Cranberry juice, cheese omelet with cheese sauce, turkey sausage patty, O'Brien hash browns, biscuit, hot spiced fruit, raisins.  
Tuesday, October 20: Grape juice, Salisbury steak with creole sauce, lima beans, sliced carrots, wheat roll, fresh fruit.  
Wednesday, October 21: Apple juice, chicken noodle soup with crackers, hot open face turkey sandwich, mixed green salad with balsamic vinaigrette, fresh fruit.  
Thursday, October 22: Pineapple juice, sloppy joe, corn, coleslaw, wheat hamburger bun, hot glazed peaches.  
Friday, October 23: Orange juice, stuffed salmon with lemon butter sauce, scalloped potatoes, spinach, wheat bread, diced pears.

## Kids' Open Mic At New Deal Café

There will be a Kids' Open Mic at the New Deal Café on Sunday, October 18 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The Open Mic takes place on the third Sunday of every month. Those aged 17 and under are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, juggle, recite a poem or otherwise perform. Performers should RSVP to Rebecca Holober at bbholober@comcast.net at least one day before the date of appearance; they may include a brief bio that will be read as the performer is introduced (where performer is from, title of songs presented, musical influences, fun facts, etc.)

## MakerSpace Goes Ghoul

Boys and ghouls stop by and haunt the Greenbelt MakerSpace this week!  
Saturday October 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. is our quarterly up-cycling and fix-it event called Repair Café. Bring things to repair and we can help you bring them back to life! Clothes, jewelry, electronics and monsters, for example.  
Sunday, October 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. is Dead Things Drawing meet up. Eve Brettel hosts and sets a challenge for individuals to explore. No experience needed. Coder Dojo Kids will meet Tuesday, October 20 at 7 p.m. and Coder Dojo Adults will meet at 8 p.m.  
On Wednesday's, Knitter's Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. to unwrap the mummy. Some people crochet, some sew, some knit and some weave like spiders in a web. All are welcome!  
Thursday from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. is open writing tutoring. Drop by with your student of any age to get help with writing. Then around 7 p.m. get writing with Eve in our new writers group: MakeWrite. Get cracking on those ghost stories for Halloween.  
Coming soon is Jr. FLL (First Lego League) for boys and girls ages 6-8. Visit our website to sign up: make125.org. The kids will explore engineering and following sequential directions by solving a series of challenges with LEGO bricks. Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## Literacy Day Kick Off

October 22 is the Literacy Day 2016 Kickoff Evening Showcase at Greenbelt Middle School. The event will go from 6:30 to 8:30 with puppet shows, orchestra performance and presentations by students.



## Greenbelt Arts Center

DON'T MISS: LAST CHANCE TO SEE!

*TRU*



By Jay Presson Allen, From the Words & Works of Truman Capote  
Directed by Gayle Negri, Produced by Malca Gliblin  
October 16, and 17 at 8:00 p.m.  
Final Sunday Matinee: October 18 at 2:00 p.m.  
Ticket prices: \$20 General Admission, \$16 Students/Seniors/Military, \$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

**COMING SOON**

Any Given Monday - November 7 - 23 - Directed by Ann Lowe-Barrett  
Winnie-the-Pooh - December 5 - 20 - Directed by Jon Gardner

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org) or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

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\* Not part of the morning and Tuesday discount shows

*Most features are \$5.50  
all day on Tuesdays; add \$2.00 for 3-D*

## Week of October 16

**FRIDAY – SATURDAY**  
Goosebumps, in 3D, PG (!)  
1:50, 9:40; in 2D, PG (!)  
11:20, 4:30, 7:00  
Crimson Peak, R (!)  
11:10, 1:50, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50  
Bridge of Spies, PG13 (!)  
11:55, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40  
Pan, PG (!!)  
11:00, 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20  
Martian, PG13  
10:50, 2:00, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40  
Sicario, R  
10:50, 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30  
Hotel Transylvania 2, PG  
11:20, 1:30, 5:05, 7:15, 9:25  
The Walk, PG13  
10:50, 9:30  
The Perfect Guy, PG13  
1:35, 4:10, 7:10

**SUNDAY – TUESDAY**  
Goosebumps, in 3D, PG (!)  
1:50; in 2D, PG (!)  
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The Perfect Guy, PG13  
1:35, 4:10, 7:10

**WEDNESDAY**  
Back to the Future 1 & 2  
4:45, 7:00  
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1:50; in 2D PG (!)  
11:20, 4:30, 7:00  
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Martian, PG13  
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The Walk, PG13 10:50  
The Perfect Guy, PG13 1:35

**THURSDAY**  
The Last Witch Hunter, PG13 (!) 7:10  
Goosebumps, in 3D, PG (!)  
1:50  
Goosebumps, in 2D, PG (!)  
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Crimson Peak, R (!)  
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Hotel Transylvania 2, PG  
11:20, 1:30, 5:05, 7:15  
The Walk, PG13 10:50  
The Perfect Guy, PG13  
1:35, 4:10, 7:10

More Community Events  
are located throughout the paper.

Utopia Film Festival Presents  
Sunday, Oct. 18th & Wednesday, Oct. 21st  
Beginning at 8 PM

“The Fugue”, “Texas Chainsaw Musical”,  
“Alan Haley’s ‘Rapunzel’”, “From Fire”,  
and “The Spam Job”

On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)  
Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19 Channels



# Obituaries

## Celebrating the Life Of Barbara Gremour

Long-time Greenbelter Barbara Jean Gremour died suddenly in early July, shortly after going north to spend the summer in her beloved native Rhode Island. Her obituary, which appeared in the July 16 edition of the News Review, explained that services were being held in Rhode Island; to my knowledge, no one from Maryland was able to attend.

With that in mind, and because Barbara had so many friends in Maryland who are deeply saddened by her death, an “Irish Wake in a Chinese Restaurant” will be held on Saturday, November 14, to celebrate Barbara’s life - and while we’re at it, to toast what would have been her 70th birthday on November 10.

Barbara’s friends are invited to gather on Saturday, November 14, from approximately 2 to 4 p.m. at the Beijing Restaurant, where Barbara loved to meet friends for dinner.

Hot tea will be served; attendees are encouraged to purchase food and/or additional beverage. Bring your best Barbie stories (and photos?) to share. We will begin our sharing at 2:30 p.m. and wind up with a rousing Happy Birthday!

Marti Scheel

## Mishkan Torah Lecture On Ladino October 18

Dr. Adriana M. Brodsky will speak on Ladino, the Judeo-Spanish language of the Jews of Spanish descent, at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Sunday, October 18 at 11 a.m. After the Jews were expelled from Spain and Portugal in 1492, they continued to speak Ladino in the communities and countries to which they emigrated. As Dr. Brodsky will explain, some Jews moved to Spanish- descended communities deep in the Ottoman Empire where their language began to borrow and embrace new words from Arabic, Greek, Turkish and French.

Dr. Brodsky, who is a history professor at St. Mary’s College of Maryland, is expected to cover other aspects of Ladino language and culture, including common Ladino proverbs and sayings, the three kinds of written Ladino script and the rich Ladino musical heritage. The event is free, and all are welcome. Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road.

## Student Art at Library

Student Art Exhibit at the Library opens on October 19. Greenbelt Middle School and Greenbelt Elementary School students are showing their top work at the Greenbelt Library through November 19, with a reception on November 2.

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of joy and spiritual renewal for all our citizens.” A diverse group of Greenbelt citizens, Girl Scouts, high school students and many others worked together to install pollinator gardens, plant trees and remove invasive species in honor of National Public Lands Day.

The idea of building a pollinator-friendly garden and outdoor classroom stemmed from Ingrid Hass, a parent and volunteer at GES. Hass reached out to Brian Townsend, horticulturalist for the City of Greenbelt, for assistance to install pollinator gardens and to remove invasive species. The pollinator gardens were installed to create an outdoor classroom learning environment for teachers and students. A memorial tree and one redbud tree were planted

on opposite sides of the pollinator garden for shade in years to come. Invasive species were removed to address safety concerns by increasing the visibility to the parking lot and Ridge Road.

The event “was such a huge success,” said Hass, resulting in a new partnership with Public Works, the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) and the GES Parent Teachers Association. Bagel Place of College Park donated three dozen bagels for the volunteers.

Since October 2014, over 565 volunteers have contributed more than 3,900 hours of environmentally-focused community service for the City of Greenbelt in partnership with CHEARS.



Brian Townsend teaches Girl Scout volunteers how to plant a pollinator garden.




Community members stopped by to say thanks to LandCare volunteers for their community service.



**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410  
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



**Worship Service 10 a.m.**  
**Coming soon: Spaghetti Dinner**



**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322

**Mass Schedule:**  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**



**GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Come worship God with us!**  
Sunday School 9:45AM  
Worship Service 11:00AM

101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770  
(301) 474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

# Alight Dance Theater Celebrates Five Years

Alight dance theater continues to celebrate its fifth anniversary this weekend with two performances at 8 p.m., Saturday, October 17, and 7 p.m. on Sunday, October 18 at Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE, Washington, D.C.

The program features two world premieres. The first is Remenant, with choreography by alight artistic director Angella Foster. This piece, featuring original music by composer William Kenlon, examines the intersection of people’s sense of place with their experience of the sacred.

The second premiere is Dixie Fried, by resident choreographer Wayles Haynes. It is inspired by music that reminds Haynes of her Tennessee roots, and is an exploration of stage space through the system of movement created by dance pioneer Rudolf Laban.

Also on the bill is a reprise of Stargazing, which premiered at Dance Place in 2013. This piece is a perfect example of the intersection of dance making and community-minded spirit that form the mission of alight. Inspired by conversations with NASA astrophysicist Amber Straughn, Stargazing takes audiences on a tour of the night sky with a combination of dance, original music and dramatic narration that encompasses both astronomy and Greek

myth. While the work was still in progress, it was performed in part for field trips for more than 250 Prince George’s County elementary school students. Since its premiere it’s had an extended life with repeat performances at Dance Place and Artful Afternoon events sponsored by the Greenbelt Community Center.

The upcoming October anniversary performances will feature a post-show reception. The shows are made possible with funding from the Maryland State Arts Council and friends of alight dance theater.

There is a charge but a 15 percent discount off the advance tickets is available by using the code Greenbelt15. For more information or tickets to the performances, visit [danceplace.org](http://danceplace.org) or call 202-269-1600.



Congratulations to Tom Cherix and the Greenbelt Concert Band on the outstanding concert they performed at the American Legion Post Home on Sunday. The program was dedicated to Sean Davis, their business manager who died recently.

To send information for Our Neighbors, email us at [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com) or leave at 301-474-6892.

Kathleen McFarland.

**Greenbelt Baptist Church**  
presents



**ENGLISH**

**Tuesdays from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Begins Oct. 27th**

101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770  
(301)474-4212 [www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST




1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org](http://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org)

Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff, Pastor



**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**




3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community  
October 18 10 a.m.  
**“Spiritual Maturity”**

The Rev. Evan Keely; with Noel Monardes, Worship Associate; Dayna Edwards, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration; and the Choir

*People don't need to be born again; they need to grow up. What does spiritual maturity look like?*





**Catholic Community of Greenbelt**  
**MASS**  
Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building  
ALL ARE WELCOME.



**Mishkan Torah Congregation**  
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM, except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.  
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
Conservative and Reconstructionist





# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building, October 19, 2015 – 8:00 p.m.

### ORGANIZATION

Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)  
Approval of Agenda and Additions

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations  
NonProfit Awareness Month
- Petitions and Requests  
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- \* Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- \*Committee Reports

### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Repeal Resolution Number 2005 and to Provide for the Number of Judges and Clerks of Election, Their Rate of Compensation, and the Rate of Compensation to be paid to the Chairperson and Members of the Board of Elections for the 2015 Regular Election - 2nd Reading, Adoption

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Request from Donna Hoffmeister – Peace Pole
- Award of Purchase – Public Works Vehicles
- Proposal to Relocate Festival of Lights Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Maryland’s Draft Consolidated Transportation Program FY 2016-2021
- Approval of PY 42 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application
- Deadline for Local and Bi-County Bills
- State Legislation – Vegetation Management by Electric Companies
- Council Reports

### MEETINGS

*NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.*

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20  
10AM-2PM AT GREENBELT COMMUNITY CTR.  
15 Crescent Road.

Come out for FREE health screenings and information. Balance and Home Safety Info, Massage and DermaScan, Oral Cancer Screenings, Dental Info, Vision and Glaucoma Screenings, Peripheral Artery Disease, Osteoporosis and GloGerm Screens, Arthritis and Pain Info, GIVES, Reflexology, BMI, Glucose and Blood Pressure Screenings, Carotid Artery, Cholesterol Screenings, Mental Health Screenings, Hearing Screenings, Body Mass Index and much more!

Hosted by The City of Greenbelt, Greenbelt Homes Inc., and Doctors Community Hospital

## MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 19-23

Monday, October 19 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**, at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, October 21 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: WMATA Access Trail / Buddy Attick Park Design Consultant Selection/Award** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, October 22 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. On the agenda: Pumpkin Walk Progress Update, Discussion on Forest Preserve Assessment, FPAB City Code : Outline & description of FPAB duties, FPAB City Code : Self-assignment of subcommittee(s) and discussion, Review M&M Guidelines

Thursday, October 22 at 7:30pm, **FOUR CITIES MEETING**, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

*The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, October 24 from 9am-12noon  
Public Works Yard

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items.  
*Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end, expanded polystyrene (block “Styrofoam” #6) – NO cups, egg-cartons, nor food trays.*  
**PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU WANT TO DROP-OFF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS, HAVE MULTIPLE STYROFOAM PIECES, OR HAVE ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.**  
For further information, contact 240-542-2153



## FALL INTO THE PARKS

### INSTAGRAM PHOTO CONTEST!

**October 12-November 6**  
Follow @cityofgreenbelt on Instagram and post your photos of nature, foliage, or you enjoying and GETTING ACTIVE, etc. in any park or open space in the City of Greenbelt. **Hashtag your photos with #cityofgreenbelt parks**

Don't have Instagram? Just email your picture to [alongworth@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:alongworth@greenbeltmd.gov) with the subject “Photo Contest.” Winning photos will be featured in the display case at the Greenbelt Community Center in December and may be used in future City of Greenbelt publications. Please see contest rules at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/photocontest](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/photocontest)  
**Help us show off our beautiful City of Greenbelt parks!**

## Forest Preserve Clean-Up

Northway Fields  
Saturday, October 17 from 10 am - noon

Come and help spruce up the Greenbelt Forest Preserve trail and remove trash and debris in preparation for the 27th Annual Greenbelt Pumpkin Walk. Gather at Northway fields before entering the forest. Please dress to get dirty and wear sturdy, closed-toe workshoes.  
Open to all ages.  
**Co-hosted by the City’s Forest Preserve Advisory Board and Greenbelt Pumpkin Walk Festival.**

## SHREDDING DAY

Saturday, October 17 from 9 AM – 12 NOON  
(or until the truck is full)

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Credit Union at 112 Centerway

Only 5 file boxes/bags per person; must be present for shredding. Personal records only (no business). No contaminants accepted. NO BATTERIES. No plastic binders and sheets. Abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the trash.  
More Info: 240-542-2153



## FALL FEST

Saturday, October 24, 2:00pm-6:00pm  
Schrom Hills Park  
6915 Hanover Parkway

Make plans now to stroll over to Schrom Hills Park and join us for hay rides, games, refreshments, amusements, pumpkin patch, live music, art activities and a bike rodeo and more!



**Greenbelt Animal Shelter**  
550-A Crescent Road  
301-474-6124  
Open Wednesdays 4-7pm and Saturdays 9am-12pm  
Come out and visit Tiger and all his friends that are waiting to become part of your family!

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK!**  
Pets are listed at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/animalshelter](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/animalshelter)

## ATTENTION LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The tenth annual **Gobble Wobble 5K Family Fun Run & Walk** is rapidly approaching. The Gobble Wobble has become a Thanksgiving morning tradition for many, as families join both novice and experienced runners for this great community event. The Greenbelt Recreation Department is seeking local businesses and organizations that would be interested in supporting the Gobble Wobble and continuing the growing success of the event. Businesses and organizations have three options (listed below) in sponsoring the 2015 Gobble Wobble 5K Family Fun Run & Walk.

- **Bronze Sponsor (\$100)**  
Logo on all print and electronic advertisements (includes event flyer/registration form, Greenbelt News Review, social media, and city website).
- **Silver Sponsor (\$200)**  
Logo on all print and electronic advertisements (see above). Logo on back of race shirt given to all registrants.
- **Gold Sponsor (\$300)**  
Logo on all print and electronic advertisements (see above). Logo on back of race shirt given to all registrants. Sign (provided by business/organization) at start/finish line. Promotion materials (provided by business/organization) will be placed in race packets given to all registrants.

The City of Greenbelt has traditionally received great support from local businesses and organizations. If your business/organization is interested in sponsoring this year’s Gobble Wobble, please contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-22000 or e-mail [aphelan@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:aphelan@greenbeltmd.gov). All sponsorships must be received by Friday, October 30.

## FREE FLU SHOT CLINIC!

Wednesday,  
October 28, 2015  
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Springhill Lake Rec. Ctr,  
6101 Cherrywood Lane



**\*No Appointment Needed**  
Both intranasal (FluMist®) and injectable (shot) vaccine will be offered. Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. This community event is a great opportunity for all family members, 6 months and older to get their FREE flu shots!  
**Sponsored By: The City of Greenbelt and the Prince George’s County Health Department**

**@cityofgreenbelt**  
on  
**INSTAGRAM & TWITTER!**



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that is fair to non-profit organizations looking to provide high quality educational programs, a valuable service in any community.

Management and maintenance of the Preserve is covered by a 62 page document. The guidelines calls for proactive measures to maintain the health of the forest and for “continuous evaluation of the forest health.” Indeed, the Forest Preserve Advisory Board is charged with producing an annual health report.

I think the recent controversy with contracting a large firm to produce our first health assessment should have been avoided by contracting a forester to make the initial assessment in 2003 when the Preserve was established. In the face of threats from invasive species, stormwater runoff, etc. there was no excuse to wait twelve years and then turn to a development oriented engineering firm for help.

Water under the bridge, we need to act now to protect the Preserve.

Emmett V. Jordan

The Greenbelt Forest Preserve was created to protect forested areas within the City from future development or construction. This intent is clear.

I support a “do no harm” policy in the Forest Preserve. Nothing should take place in the Preserve that might detract from the health and preservation of the woods. Activities such as walking on “established” trails, participating in educational programs, and enjoying the forest in its untouched condition are allowable. A careful reading of the City Code seems to exclude the construction of accommodations that might facilitate access to the Preserve for those with physical limitations. That is unfortunate.

Maintenance in the forest preserve, according to the City

Code, should be minimal. However, the Management and Maintenance Guidelines indicate the need to take into account “the unique qualities of areas within the preserve, as well as the patterns of use, current conditions, and public needs associated with each area”.

There is language in these M and M Guidelines that suggest pruning and clearing of vegetation can be permitted, if it would “benefit the land”. The document cites “invasive species that might impede biodiversity,” as examples of where maintenance might be necessary. This has been controversial.

I think that occasional special events, educational programs, and clean-up activities should be allowed in the Preserve. We are fortunate to have knowable staff members and residents (like the members of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board) who have strong opinions on these issues and can define when these activities are appropriate.

One task written into the responsibilities of the FPAB is to annually report on the health and condition of the Forest Preserve, noting any circumstances requiring attention. I supported hiring an outside firm to provide a “baseline” for future assessments of the health and condition of the Forest Preserve.

Susan Stewart

As a Sierra Club leader, I encourage the appreciation, stewardship, and protection of the environment. Americans need to get out to enjoy, explore, and learn about our forests and ecosystems, to become inspired to preserve them. Our city’s dedication to preserving green spaces, including the Forest Preserve, makes me proud.

Our city has recently contracted with a firm to produce a baseline assessment of the Forest’s health. While we could have saved money by using our local resources -- we have many ecologists living right here in Greenbelt -- hopefully this professional assessment will provide

more information for us to use when planning our stewardship and recreational use of the Forest. This firm has expertise on how to provide ADA access for trails, assessing invasive species, endangered species, water-related erosion, and more. With this information for guidance, we can be more responsible stewards of the Forest.

Listening to our community, I sense the concern that any human activity in the Forest would do more harm than good. But, our Forest is an urban forest, constantly interfered with in many ways due to its proximity to our homes and roads. Trash, invasive plants, even road salt can all end up in the Forest. We must learn the extent of interference that we do, and keep a goal to minimize or reverse damage.

Additionally, our city government can no longer ignore the on-going concerns over pesticide-use policy. When our citizens do not know where we stand with policy, it causes distrust. Our policy is currently unclear, despite more than 4 years of discussion. More and more municipalities are eliminating unnecessary pesticide-use as a public health and environmental issue. For Greenbelt, pesticide-use on invasive species needs justification and public notification, with a preference to use alternative solutions first.

Konrad Herling

The key word for use of the Forest Preserve is passive. To take in a nice fall breeze observing the rustling of the leaves, to have a moment to reflect about life - this is the forest preserve at its finest. Any of the tenth anniversary programs, as well as the pumpkin walk, are just a few other examples of enriching opportunities that the preserve offers.

It is critical that the health of the preserve is sustained. Consistent with that purpose, Chapter 12, of the City Code, requires the City’s Forest Preserve Advisory Board provide an annual report to Council as to the preserve’s health. Guidelines for the Preserve also recommend assessments be carried out. Consistent with that objective, Council’s recent action contracting a firm to perform an ecological assessment of our preserve, in concert with the community, will yield the steps necessary to preserve such lands.

The next council must assure that forest preserve areas be managed to provide for and protect its natural character. Our code requires that the lands be used in a manner that does not alter or degrade the lands’ natural character.

Activities such as commercially based special events, races,

and camping, are prohibited. Taking positive action to assure the preserve’s health confirms that the efforts of citizens, staff, and councils over the past two decades were worthwhile and that the benefits endure.

Regarding access for the disabled community, access by an individual might require partnering with a friend or perhaps someone from city staff, such as a park ranger. While the city staff is looking to verify whether ADA requirements apply, if it is so determined, we would have to explore how to implement appropriate corrective steps. However, generally such statutes don’t apply to preserves.

Rodney M. Roberts

I am not interested in reopening a debate about what should or should not be allowed in the Forest Preserve. Our preserve and the City Law and Use Guidelines that are supposed to protect it, took nearly 20 years of extraordinary effort by many Greenbelt citizens, including myself, to achieve.

I believe that the forest preserve issue is one of the very few City Council topics that consistently drew hundreds of citizens to city council meetings. The majority of those citizens spoke strongly and passionately in favor of protecting the last piece

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Early Voting  
This Weekend  
See City ad on page 15.

www.alightdancetheater.org

alight dance theater thanks Greenbelt and invites you to celebrate FIVE YEARS of dance making and community building

Saturday, October 17 at 8 pm  
Sunday, October 18 at 7 pm  
at Dance Place  
3225 8th Street SE, Washington DC

Featuring the premiere of *Remnant* by Artistic Director Angella Foster and *Dixie Fried* by Resident Choreographer Wayles Haynes, as well as a reprise of Foster's *Stargazing*

Tickets available at [www.danceplace.org](http://www.danceplace.org) or 202.269.1600  
\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, \$15 student/senior  
Use code Greenbelt15 to get 15% off advanced ticket purchase



Vote for City Council on Tuesday, November 3 and Re-elect Leta Mach

Building on the Spirit of Greenbelt... and Expanding the Possibilities

- ✓ **Experienced**  
Serving YOU on City Council since 2003
- ✓ **Involved**  
Volunteering in Greenbelt since 1976  
Selected as Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen in 2000  
Member of State of Maryland Air Quality Control Advisory Council



- ✓ **Committed**  
Advocated for the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL)  
Insisted the city establish a Living Wage policy  
Spearheaded the city’s designation as a charter Playful City USA and the MML Geocache trail
- ✓ **Knowledgeable**  
Expert in cooperatives and education  
Graduate of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance

- ✓ **Work Together**  
We achieve more when we listen, research and work together. Co-ops have helped us do that and there is great opportunity for co-ops to do even more. Using my co-op knowledge and experience, I will continue to be a resource to co-op businesses that can contribute to our economic development efforts.
- ✓ **Respect the Past**  
Greenbelt’s beginnings as a planned community serve as our guide when we make decisions today. The recommendations of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and Sustainability Plan are examples and I will work to see these implemented. I advocated for and strongly support the community-focused programming at the Greenbelt Theater as it echoes our historic past and enhances the vitality of Roosevelt Center.

- ✓ **Build the Future**  
Our future depends on people. The success of any development – whether short-term from new housing at Greenbelt Station or long-term from a possible FBI move to Greenbelt – depends upon how involved in Greenbelt our new citizens become. We must bring all areas of Greenbelt into one community. We must promote Greenbelt organizations, businesses, and services throughout the city and welcome new residents with open arms.

Visit my web site, <http://www.themachs.net> to learn more.

Connect with the campaign on Facebook – Leta Mach for Greenbelt City Council.



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of our original “Green Belt” as a passive recreation area to be kept in its “natural state” for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations. The Use and Maintenance Guidelines that were created by a task force appointed by the City Council does allow for the removal of invasive plants, and there are often trash cleanups sponsored by the Forest Preserve Committee and other groups. There is also a free annual “pumpkin hike” to foster an appreciation of nature and the Forest Preserve.

All we need to do is obey the law and abide by the rules and we will continue to have a beautiful healthy forest, rare in the Washington region, that is open for the enjoyment of everyone free of charge. On the other hand, if we are going to change the rules every time someone or some group decides they don’t like the fact that they can’t do what they want, then we won’t have a Forest Preserve. Instead, we will have a land bank waiting to be parceled out and exploited by the highest bidder or the politically well-connected. My vote is to preserve our preserve.

Kathleen Shaw

The Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES), of which I am a member, has developed a Sustainability Plan Framework for the city of Greenbelt relative to sustainable measures which we propose should be taken in order to enhance Greenbelters quality of life environmentally. This includes actions necessary to preclude any further destructive impact of our Forest Preserve apart from that which has already been incurred by invasive plant species. As there are numerous activities which could possibly be named in this list, (e.g., dumping garbage, alcohol consumption, smoking) I would suggest, for the purpose of answering this question only, that regulation of residential uses should be governed by a categorical standard as opposed to identifying specific conduct and behavior. Among the Green ACES goals for our Forest is protection of the existing tree canopy. Thus, a clear-cut rule such as: “Any action which threatens to destroy the cover (the trees) of the Forest Preserve, leaving the biodiversity at risk is prohibited”, should be in place and aid us in determining Forest activity permissions and restrictions.

To ensure that our city government is complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), handicap access must be provided to the Preserve. Exclusionary acts would be discriminatory in nature casting an unfavorable light upon the city

and ultimately, would detract from the city’s great appeal. Furthermore, access is not merely a matter of legality, but it speaks to the inclusive status that Greenbelt community is striving to achieve.

As much care as is possible should be taken to maintain the Preserve in its native state. The varying ecological compositions of the five areas necessitate different intervention and management strategies. Therefore, any maintenance in regard to invasive species should be contingent upon the type, quantity and its proximity to undisturbed areas.

Edward Putens

First of all, newer residents may wonder why the City owns a forest. The answer is that the land was bought by the City years ago at considerable cost to extend and enhance its “green belt.” The Forest Preserve established later symbolizes our long-standing commitment to the local environment. It is one of our prized possessions and belongs to all City residents equally.

Like all forests, our Forest Preserve needs some level of management, and has a valued City committee to oversee the process. The current debate, focused on how to respond to invasive species, is largely about how much management. As you can perhaps tell, while this issue seems esoteric to some, it galvanizes others. I appreciate those who care enough about the issue to contribute to the debate.

The City’s policy is to actively restore and manage forested and other public land to ensure the preservation of irreplaceable natural resources. Our goals should be to enhance the quality of life for the people of Greenbelt by protecting its natural resources; prioritize the protection of endangered species and habitats; assess natural areas for preservation based on historical information, native species present, soils, topography, hydrology, wildlife needs, etc.; and encourage public use and enjoyment consistent with the other goals, which can and should include handicapped access. Uses permitted or restrictions imposed (besides the obvious, e.g., dirt bikes, campfires) should be those that do not lead to the deterioration and damage to the health of the forest.

As a Council member with a strong science background, I feel some personal responsibility to get the science right and to encourage decisions based on scientific methods and generally recognized best practices.

Silke Pope

We owe the Forest Preserve far more than our name—Greenbelt—we owe it proper management and protection.

This commitment is personal. Growing up in Germany, I spent many precious days in forests with my dad, looking for mushrooms and blueberries where allowed, learning about plants and animals, on long walks with our dogs. Family with forestry experience, too, fueled my respect for the issues involved.

That’s why I believe some things must be prohibited in the Forest Preserve. That includes camping and fires, structures, vehicles, and collection or culling of any native fauna or flora.

However, other activities deserve encouragement—especially volunteering and scaled educational programs for youth. Even minimal-impact recreation, like hiking and birdwatching, can instill young people with important ecological values.

Current guidelines say what I believe: “Only when the benefit from the experience is of greater value to the community than the expected impact to the Forest Preserve should the activity or event be permitted.”

So it isn’t naturally clear to all why municipal signs in the North Woods prohibit trail maintenance, even if policy. Overgrowth in the understory swallows footpaths, and thwarted hikers improvise new routes with new impacts. Instead, volunteers could maintain lower-impact trails benefitting users and the Preserve. If not, we risk an ever-growing tangle of unsanctioned, poorly-conceived trails. That’s not management; it’s abdication.

Access to the Preserve is limited practically to people who can walk, and most wheelchairs on rugged terrain or narrow unpaved trails are impractical. Of course, most disabilities don’t preclude walking, so they shouldn’t preclude access or require accommodation.

With invasives, I look to experts and professionals, as well as FPAB, to advise us. We’ll all have to consider costs controlling invasives, but I’m confident the Preserve will remain a high priority for Council; I know it will for me.

Leta Mach

The Forest Preserve was created by city ordinance to protect remaining areas of Greenbelt’s green belt for the enjoyment of all. In 2007, council adopted management and maintenance guidelines for the Forest Preserve after receiving recommendations from the Forest Preserve Task Force.

The Task Force report noted that the guidelines tried to balance the public’s use of and access to the Forest Preserve, with the City policy to protect Preserve areas. The Task Force did a field study of the Preserve that determined that the Forest Preserve can be divided into five areas based on differences in use patterns, historic changes and the condition of the area. Therefore, while some guidelines should apply for all Preserve areas, others can recognize the unique quality of a Preserve area and be specific to that section.

Activities that should consistently be prohibited include commercial activities, hunting, motorized vehicles, camping and dumping. On the other hand, creating and maintaining trails is an activity that should be determined by the area of the Preserve.

For the enjoyment of all and to support public education about the Preserve and its natural value, we need to provide everyone access to the Preserve. Existing trails provide this in many cases but are not barrier free. Most areas of the Preserve are not appropriate for ADA acces-

sible trails. The exception is Area D (Gardenway to Hamilton Place Community Gardens) and a handicap accessible trail in this area would give all citizens the chance to participate in and enjoy the Forest.

Before making decisions about maintenance, specifically invasive species and trash, we need the results of the Council mandated forest health assessment. Then council, citizens, staff and the Forest Preserve Advisory Board can consider what recommendations should be adopted. The goal of management activities should be to maintain forest health.

Judith Davis

Everyone on Council, including myself, feel our Forest Preserve is a priceless part of Greenbelt—that is why we enacted a unique ordinance to protect it. All the designated areas provide a place to relax and unwind, an opportunity to reconnect with nature. For years, our residents have used the trails to hike, watch birds, and observe the diversity of plant life. Bikes have been prohibited due to serious damage to existing trails. Individual and group hikers would be more mindful of their impact if they were educated about what not to do, such as building fires and removing plants. Signs have been posted with this information. Educational tours led by volunteer guides would create greater appreciation of our natural treasure.

Handicap accessibility was discussed thoroughly by the Forest Preserve Task Force that produced the Management Guidelines. Its decision then was that paved or gravel trails would not be installed, as other natural areas in Greenbelt were accessible.

See QUESTIONS, page 11

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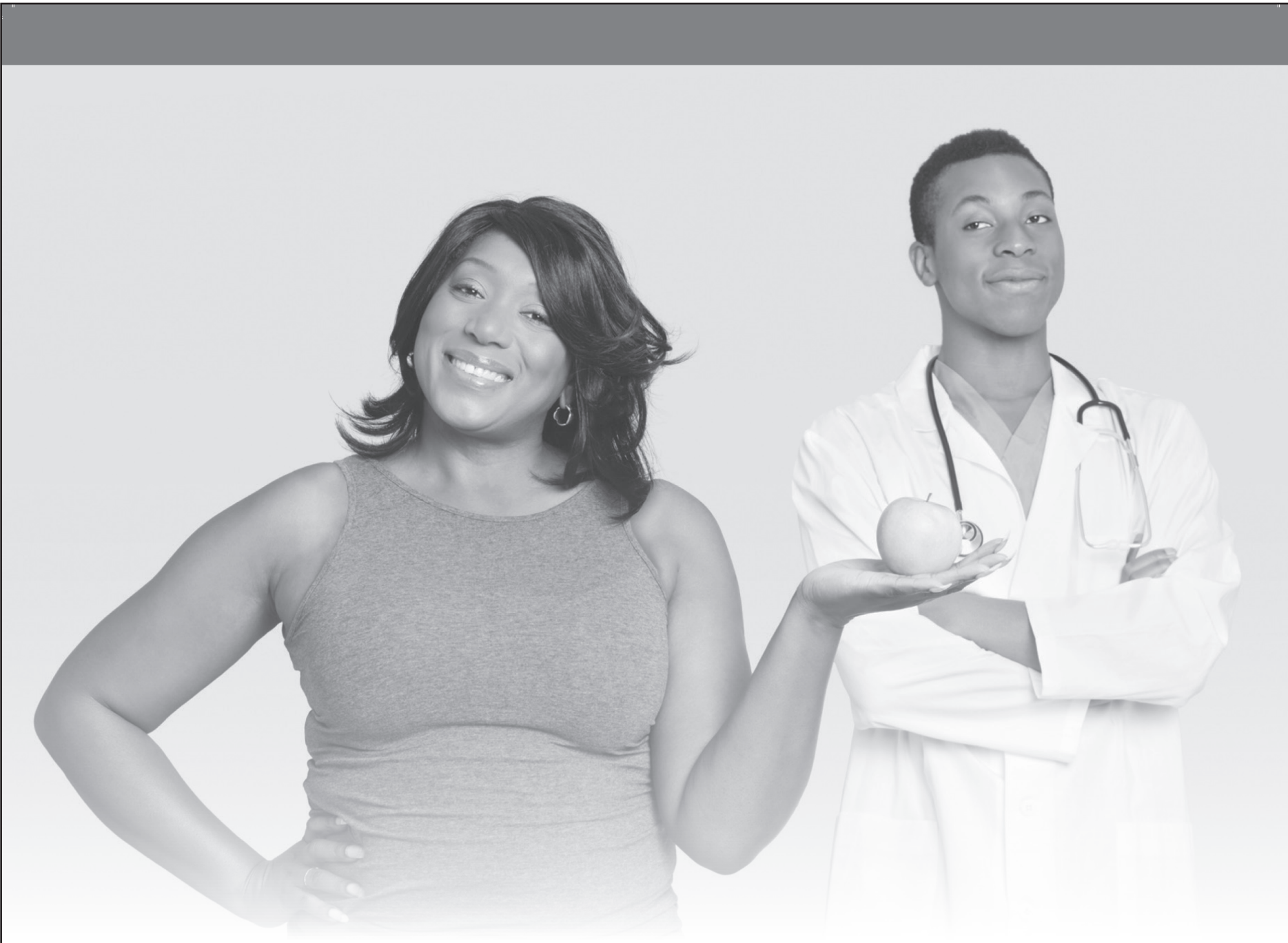
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# Letters continued

Maintenance Guidelines (Guidelines) states: “Invasive species management is a science. Decisions should be made with that in mind...” The statement, however, continues: “. . . rather than being driven by emotional reactions to alien plant species.” Ironically, emotional reactions appear to be what Witter is attempting to create from the inflammatory claims about invasive plants.

AMT refers to itself as a consulting engineering firm. It is a multidisciplinary firm with a staff of more than 430 persons and 14 offices throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. The project manager is referred to as a registered landscape architect and a certified arborist – not a forest biologist or ecologist. The senior ecologist employed by AMT has been there less than one year and lists as previous experience his work on the Intercounty Connector Project for the State Highway Administration. AMT’s professional experience includes site analysis, master planning and design services for new recreational facilities and infrastructure for a regional, multi-phase park and sports complex in Bowie (additional examples in their proposal show similar engineering experience).

According to Witter, the Forest Preserve is “our” responsibility. But the citizens were not given sufficient opportunity to review and comment on information that lead to council’s decision. Council did not request public comment on the content of the Request for Proposals (RFP) or the persons and entities to whom it would be sent. The agendas for the Forest Preserve Advisory Board meetings used confusing acronyms which made it difficult for citizens to appreciate the significance of the meetings. The time allotted for discussion of the RFP was only about 50 minutes (total over three meetings). Approved minutes for council worksessions and the meeting on November 24 were not available. The letters and paid advertisements published in the News Review appear to have been the predominant source of timely information available to the public.

Citizens of Greenbelt cannot share in responsibility for the Preserve when they aren’t provided timely information by those who are supposed to represent them and protect their interests. The process followed here runs counter to the required “open government” in Greenbelt.

*Brian and Donna Almquist*

**Paperless Agenda**

Where’s the outrage? The News Review reports in the September 24 issue “Some on Council Reluctant to Have Paperless Agenda.” In this town that prides itself on being all things green, nary a word in the last two Letters to the Editor citing the apparent hypocrisy.

On an issue that should have little discussion, and pass without question, our leaders folded. Faced with an opportunity to lead, they instead chose inaction. What are the other communities doing? Greenbelt leaders are actually asking the question? Shame.

This wasteful use of paper, ink, time copying and printing, and recycling costs can stop. All of those costs go away when the council goes paperless. Costs to recycle electrons are cheaper than paper. Council could still claim the green mantra.

Congrats to Mayor Jordan and Councilmember Silke Pope for being willing to try. Negative points for Silke’s stated desire for paper at the meeting. The News Review reported Councilmember Konrad Herling, though silent that night, has been a leader in the electronic communication front. AttaBoy to Konrad. Councilmember Leta Mach at least was willing to move the discussion to how, but loses points for not voting “Aye” when push came to shove.

Shame on Councilmember Rodney Roberts for stating “I want paper copies.” “I get headaches reading on a computer. I work on a computer at my job, but I don’t want to read on them.” You don’t want to read on a computer? That seems a particularly selfish statement for a self-proclaimed environmentalist. A childlike response. To Councilmember Roberts I say invest in some glasses that work or get out of office. Comparing times of no telephone and personal contact with wanting a pile of paper doesn’t even make sense.

Shame too, on Councilmember Judith Davis playing the age card. “... I’m almost 73 years old.” “... After I’m gone, the younger generation will be adept at this.” Maybe your time has run its course. In the 21st century, being technically adept at a basic level is a job requirement. Are you up to the job anymore?

Think about who is representing Greenbelt’s Green Interest on election day.

The same article inadvertently

brings other subjects, somewhat related, and maybe more disturbing into view.

Judith Davis, referring to getting electronic meeting agendas from COG, “I don’t read much of the COG stuff. I would need to print it out. I would need to be paid to do all that printing.” Are you kidding me? Your job as an elected official is to read that COG stuff. Are you shortchanging your constituents by being unable to do your job for being technically unable? I think there is stuff that Greenbelt should be aware of or leading that isn’t happening because someone is not doing her job. Double shame on you, Judith Davis!

Best for last? “Director Dale Worley felt that council would

not need dedicated tablets if city email use was kept separate from personal.” Android based tablets have multi-user functionality, unlike iPad, which is geared strictly as single user.


But that’s not the issue. I guess no one on council is aware of current events – Hello! Folks, including presidential candidate Hillary Clinton are in trouble for crossing that very line. Others high up in the federal government have lost their jobs for using personal email services for government business.

How big a faux pas? One could argue that the use of a government supplied email account can be anything from a misuse/misrepresentation of the elected office to theft of government

services, to hiding public-record correspondence of the office on non-searchable, non-secure servers. But government email accounts must remain separate from personal accounts – much like separation of church and state. Even in Greenbelt. Government must be accountable to the people, and in order for that to happen, government communication must be available (via Freedom of Information Act) to the people.

*Frank Kayser*

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## Notice of the Annual Membership Meeting of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room (2nd floor) of the Greenbelt Community Center.

Light refreshments will be served.

The agenda includes:  
Reports by the Treasurer and the General Manager  
Election of two members to the Board of Directors

Two incumbents – Bill Jones and Joe Timer – are running for re-election. The terms of the remaining directors – Jon Bell, Barbara Ford, Linda Ivy, Bill Stoddard, and Jill Stevenson have not expired.

Presentation of the 10<sup>th</sup> Jim Cassels’ Community Service Award to this year’s recipient.

According to the Co-op’s by-laws, 25 members constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, those present can schedule another meeting, which can proceed even in the absence of a quorum.

A drawing for door prizes will be held after the business portion of the meeting.

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Middle School and is a student at Tai Yim Kung Fu school in Kensington. Her husband, Jonathan Gordy, is an attorney, a former member of the GHI Audit committee, and enjoys a hobby as a potter at the Greenbelt Community Center. In addition to playing the violin, Susan enjoys gardening, catching up on the newest Dr. Who episodes and her new obsession, playing Catan with her family.

Rodney M. Roberts

Rodney M. Roberts, 57 years old, is a life-long Greenbelt resident who lives with his wife, Tara. He attended Prince George’s County schools and was active in sports with the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club. A 1975 graduate of the National Technical Institute, Roberts is the sole proprietor of a small business that specializes in on-site repairs of various types of equipment and vehicles (celebrating 17 years in business).

Roberts is serving his 12th term on council. He attended nearly every council meeting during the four years prior to being elected to City Council in 1991, becoming known as an outspoken and effective community activist. During his 24 years on council, Roberts has never missed a city council meeting.

Roberts often volunteers his professional skills to groups such as Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES), as well as to individuals in need. When the New Deal Café was in danger of closing, Roberts donated over 100 hours of his time working with a small group of volunteers to install a commercial kitchen. The café was able to install a state-of-the-art kitchen for less than \$30,000, a savings of more than \$70,000, giving the café a new lease on life. It is now a thriving part of the Roosevelt Center. Roberts successfully fought efforts by the city to demolish two single-family homes in Greenbelt, using his own funds and labor to do repairs on one of them. Both homes are now undergoing renovations and will be returned to use as beautiful and efficient homes.

In 1991, Roberts proposed, and worked through to implementation, a community policing program that included the city’s first police bicycle patrols. Since then, he has continued to advocate for more bicycle and foot patrols throughout the city to foster a better relationship between citizens and police.

Roberts was a leader in the citizen movement that resulted in the city’s acquisition of 184 acres of woodland, part of the original “Green Belt.” Roberts’ continued advocacy resulted in the 2003 passage of a city ordinance establishing a Greenbelt Forest Preserve initially consisting of 225 acres.

Roberts testifies on behalf of the city before state and county officials concerning development, transportation, recreational, environmental and fiscal issues. In 2004, he testified before the State Board of Public Works (consisting of the comptroller, governor and treasurer). Overcoming initial opposition from Comptroller William Schaefer and Governor Robert Erlich, he secured \$648,000 in Open Space Funds for the purchase of 20 acres known as the “Sunrise Property” in Greenbelt, one of Greenbelt’s newest forest preserves. Roberts has consistently opposed yearly tax increases for non-essential hiring and other items. Roberts is one of the longest serving members of the Council of Government’s Transportation Planning Board, with nearly 24 years of service. He is also City Liaison to the Youth Advisory Board and Forest Preserve Advisory Board. Roberts is a member and former chair of The Committee to Save the Green Belt and a founding member of the Greenbelt Foundation for the Arts.



Rodney Roberts

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Roosevelt Center Owner Meets with City Council

by Jack Paciotti

The tone was one of reconciliation as George Christacos, owner of the Roosevelt Center met with the Greenbelt City Council on September 30 in a worksession. No formal decisions were made but both parties emphasized the need for better communication. In addition to councilmembers and Christacos and his family, about a dozen members of the community attended the meeting.

Christacos, 79, has a reputation of not cooperating with council. According to council, it has been years since the last meeting despite reaching out several times to meet.

However, Christacos appeared eager now to work with the city. When the council encouraged him to work with them, Christacos said, “Absolutely. We have the same interests.”

Mayor Emmett Jordan had opened by welcoming all those attending, especially Christacos, calling his property the crown jewel of Greenbelt. Council then listed their concerns including vacant stores, a lack of maintenance and the belief that Christacos does not have a good relationship with the tenants. “I don’t think that merchants feel that you’re on their side,” said Councilmember Konrad Herling. Councilmember Judith Davis added that Christacos views the situation through “rose-colored glasses.”

Despite this criticism, owners of local businesses who were in

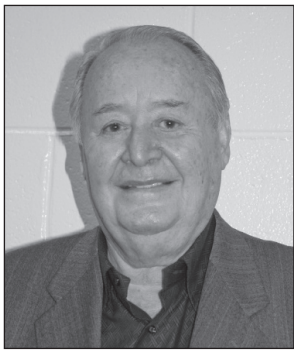


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George Christacos, owner of the Roosevelt Center

the audience supported Christacos, saying that he has been accommodating.

George Boyce, owner of MakerSpace, said when he had troubles getting his business up and running, Christacos was helpful. “110 percent of my problems were with Prince George’s County,” he said.

Leonard Wallace, owner of Realty 1, Inc., is working with Christacos to fill vacancies. The issue, he said, is getting people to come to the Center. “We need something to direct people to the Center.”

Councilmember Edward Putens and Jordan were adamant about visiting Christacos at the Roosevelt Center and said they plan on meeting there in the near future. Both council and Christacos agreed to meet regularly in the future to discuss the Center and its condition.

Jack Paciotti is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.

Greenbelt Park Events Saturday and Sunday

On Saturday, October 17 join the Greenbelt Park volunteer trail crew corps to improve the park through stewardship projects such as trail maintenance. Meet at the Ranger Station at 8:45 a.m. for this three-hour project.

On Sunday, October 18 kids are invited to join a park ranger on an interactive activity that focuses on water resources. Participants will learn how pollution occurs and ways to mitigate further pollution of rivers. Meet at the Ranger Station at 9:30 a.m.

City Notes

Public Works staff met with an Urban Grid solar contractor regarding possible solar installations in the city.

Facilities Maintenance crew set up the electric wiring for purple lights at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Greenbelt Police station to show support for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Horticulture/Parks crews installed new park restroom signage indicating new closing hours at Buddy Attick Park and Schrom Hills Park.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, October 15, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by Joe Harris from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, October 16, John Guernsey plays classic American standards on piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Tommy and the Bahamas perform island inspired rock, country, and blues music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 17, Bruce Kritt plays classic guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., John Guernsey plays jazz standards on piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Zydeco Jed, an East Coast roots band, play a blend of rock, jazz, funk, cajun, and grateful delta music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 18, please join The Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon. Kids’ Open Mic from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Meet the Candidate George Boyce, running for Greenbelt City Council, from 3 to 5 p.m. Fez Tone Hafla perform Middle Eastern music and belly dance from 6 to 8 p.m.

Monday, October 19, Reel and Meal at the New Deal from 7 to 9 p.m., with a vegan buffet offered from 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20, Poetry Night Open Mic from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21, Pub Quiz from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, October 22, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from 12 to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic hosted by Lynn Hollyfield from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, October 23, John Guernsey plays classic American standards on piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Black Masala offers up New Orleans Jazz and Eastern European brass band music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 24, John Guernsey on piano from 7 to 8 p.m. The U-Liners play a variety of roots-rock based musical genres from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

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However, the Task Force did suggest future consideration of a paved trail in one section of the Preserve.

Though the Forest Preserve appears healthy, the detailed health assessment being done might shed light on conditions that we’re not aware of. If it is healthy and needs no maintenance, great! However, invasives, such as bamboo and ivy, are encroaching into the Preserve. Many of the species, including kudzu, are prevalent throughout our yards and other forested areas. Again, the health assessment will indicate how serious this invasion is and what needs to be done. Discussion of the remedies will begin with the Forest Preserve Advisory Board, then with the Council and our citizens in open meetings before any action is taken.

Dealing with trash is easier—increase anti-litter education and establish frequent volunteer clean-up teams to patrol trails—a great opportunity for community service credits!

Bill Orleans

Once upon a time, there were woods everywhere, in every direction from that which is now oldtown downtown Greenbelt (and its incomprehensively planned offshoots), woods to the east and west and north and south. Home to some indigenous folks, “here” was also visited by others. Who is to say- not me- which of the flora and fauna here then are gone now? Who is to say- not me- which were

native and when they were so? I trust that others can answer these questions and would defer to them. (Where is the petition to defend the rights of undocumented and perennial weeds—I’ll sign!)

The decision has been made. At its regular meeting, September 28, supported by several residents and over the objections of several, and also disregarding a suggested compromise, Council adopted (6-1) the resolution for negotiated purchase to contract with AMT to conduct a health assessment for the north and south core Preserves. What led to that vote is in dispute (but I believe six of the incumbent seven always are disposed to defer to staff recommendation). I look forward to the regular meeting when Council resolves to conduct an assessment of the health of our democracy in Greenbelt.

If the bees buzz and the birds sing in the forest and there is no one there to hear them, do they make a sound? The Preserve is not to be put in a jar, but to be appreciated. Modest uses such as appreciation and hiking and the occasional organized fire should be permitted; reasonable accommodation should exist so that disabled individuals can also appreciate and roll.

Council should remove the prohibition on organized invasives’ removal, and all visitors to the Preserve should be encouraged to use (and maybe widely dispersed—but regularly collected) receptacles for their discards.

Greenbelt Park Fights Ticks

by Jack Paciotti

Superintendent Matthew Carroll has made drastic efforts to reduce the exposure to ticks for the patrons of Greenbelt Park. While there is no evidence that there are more ticks in the park, the rate of people getting bitten has encouraged these changes.

In recent years, before Carroll took over, the park had posted large LED signs reading “Protect yourself against ticks,” warning visitors that ticks were present. Carroll believes that this was a wrong approach to the problem, saying, “I think our messaging was wrong. We highlighted a problem.”

This solution scared visitors and campers away, and made the problem seem worse than it really is, he said.

In an effort to combat the problem, Carroll has focused on pushing back the tick-friendly areas away from where the public generally visits, as well as educating them on ticks and Lyme disease.

The National Park Service has been cutting tall grass near picnic and camping areas to discourage ticks from staying close to public areas. They have also started removing downed and dead branches as well as leaf litter.

“Ticks like to be in leaf litter, so if we get rid of the leaf litter, they have to go find somewhere else to hide,” said Carroll. He added that the park has not used any pesticides to combat the tick problem.

Along with attempting to move the ticks, Carroll said he and the park rangers have been educating the public about ticks and Lyme disease. “We wanted to make sure they are armed with the facts,” said Carroll.

There are posters posted throughout the park with information on ticks. On top of this, Carroll says that the rangers are walking around the park educating the public through personal, one-on-one interactions.

Debbie Kirkley, a ranger at the park, says that they have been telling visitors about “protection, what to wear, and to use 30 percent DEET protection.”

Carroll said that they do not have any statistics on the population of the ticks in the park, but they have only had 10 reports of ticks since he took over roughly three months ago, which according to Carroll represents a major decrease in tick bites.

The park attendance has increased since the changes have been made, says Carroll, especially during the weekends. Kirkley confirmed an increase in attendance recently, saying, “Normally around this time, it slows down ... but it has [increased].”

Once winter comes and the ticks go into a dormant state, Carroll says he wants to construct a more thorough plan for decreasing tick encounters in the Greenbelt National Park.

Jack Paciotti is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.

Stories of Immigration At Reel and Meal

In collaboration with the Utopia Film Festival, the Monday, October 19 Reel & Meal at the New Deal Café will feature four short documentaries highlighting stories of immigration.

The films document the stories of immigrants or refugees from four very different countries. Their stories are part of the universal story of fleeing one home to find a new one. The documentaries include: The Balloon Man from North Korea; I Am Reva from Sweden; People Like Us from Malaysia; and Not Anymore: the Story of a Revolution from Syria.

Stories of Immigration will be part of the Utopia Film Festival. Held on the 4th weekend of October, the festival’s mission is “seeking a better world through film.” Join the discussion to better understand the questions, form answers and share with others.

Reel and Meal is a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues. The series has three organizing groups: Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking and the Prince George’s County Peace & Justice Coalition.

The optional vegan buffet, for which there is a fee, begins at 6:30 p.m. and the free film screening starts at 7 p.m. For more information, contact susnbarn@earthlink.net or visit the New Deal Cafe’s e-calendar at newdealcafe.com/events/reelAndMeal.

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# Grave Mysteries in Greenbelt

by Kyla Hanington

“Old gravestones have much to tell, but not always as much as one might wish,” wrote James C. Wilfong, Jr. in 1963. He was talking about Greenbelt’s cemeteries then and this writer finds his words remain as true today as they were when he penned them. Who is buried in anonymous graves found around Greenbelt? How many cemeteries are there?

### Turner Cemetery

When coming up the short drive from Ivy Lane to Greenbelt Cemetery, one sees first the tall, shallow display case that houses the only remaining engraved headstone from the Turner family gravesite, that of 45-year-old Thomas Turner who died in 1855. (The stone is worn now so it appears to read that he died at 15 years of age, but he indeed lived to be 45 and married.) Thomas Turner was grandson to Shadrick and Sarah Turner, who are notable in this area as devote Methodists. Shadrick Turner is credited as a founder of the First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville, one of the oldest Methodist churches in the country. The Turners ultimately acquired several hundred acres of land in what is present-day Greenbelt.

While young Turner’s is the only surviving engraved headstone of the family burial ground, it certainly is not the only surviving stone. In his 1974 report considering the future of Greenbelt Cemetery, then city-manager Jim Giese noted that the Turner plot contained stones “believed to mark the graves” of slaves belonging to the family. That the Turner site contains the graves of people held as slaves is a rumor that has persisted in Greenbelt throughout the years. A study of the historical record shows this is no mere rumor.

In his 1972 paper “Tracing Shadrick and Sarah Turner, Pioneer Methodists of Bladensburg,” University of Maryland professor Theodore Bissell presented his extensive research on the Turners. He found the 1776 census stated the household included four males in slavery while by the 1790 census Shadrick and Sarah Turner held six humans as slaves. When Shadrick died, a man named Will, a blacksmith, was “passed to Sarah, and after her marriage or death, to the two sons jointly,” according to Bissell. Prince George’s County historian Susan Pearl pointed me to another paper filed by the family after Shadrick’s death that mentions Will again, along with other enslaved men: Charles, Peter and Luke.

Sarah Turner’s bible, in which births and deaths in the family were recorded, contains names of people born into slavery at the family, among them George, Charity, Harriet and Jane.

There is significantly more in the historical record about the Turner family and the people they kept enslaved. As Pearl mused, “we can keep working on this indefinitely.” Such study is unfortunately beyond the scope of this article.

In his paper, Bissell noted that the one legible headstone belonged to Thomas Turner and stated, “It appears that earlier graves were marked only with common stones and no other inscriptions have been discovered.” Archivist and former Marylander



Daughters of the American Revolution left these markers on the Walker family cemetery.



An unmarked headstone and footstone at the Turner family plot on Ivy Lane.

Alan Virta, when asked about the uninscribed stones on the Turner property, explained that family graves dating from before engraved headstones were readily available could be marked with native stone, as would graves for people whose families could not afford, or opted not to purchase, engraved headstones. In short, said Virta, one should not assume those marked without inscribed stones are the graves of people held as slaves.

In the case of the Turner family plot there is, however, evidence that the family both could afford engraved headstones and, in fact, had them. Buddy Attick, born in 1913, remembered playing amongst the marble headstones there. Historian Wilfong, writing in 1963, described the headstones as having dates from the early 19th century with “here and there a birthdate in the 1700s.” This is eyewitness testimony of family graves marked with marble headstones, now gone.

Adjacent to the well-manicured lawn of the Greenbelt cemetery is a parcel of land thick with thorns, shrubs, vines and trees. It was in this area, in the 1960s, that Buddy Attick showed Giese some native, unmarked “stones that he thought marked the graves of slaves.” Daniel Hamlin and I recently attempted to find them.

It took many hours over several days, working in dense underbrush, and at times even digging beneath the topsoil, but Hamlin and I ultimately uncovered seven headstones in a row, each about six feet apart from the other, with four of the corresponding footstones. In a different row, we found an additional four stones

that likely mark two more graves.

Some of the stones we found were literally beneath the dirt. Then, it was only by guessing, based on proximity to stones visible, where to brush away the soil that we located them. Others were invisible beneath fallen leaves, brush and vines. A large pile of gravel-laden dirt had been dumped within a few yards of these graves.

Do these graves hold Will, Charles, Charity, Peter, Luke, George, Harriet, Jane or others kept as they had been? How close had these graves come to disappearing under the detritus of the previous two centuries?

Musing on the future of the existing Greenbelt cemetery, Hamlin looked at the graves he had worked hard to find. “These plots are already taken,” he said. “I don’t know that we will ever be able to determine for certain who is buried here, but we do know they are graves, and they need to be respected.”

### Walker

Perhaps the best known, yet hardest to find, historical family cemetery in Greenbelt is that of the Walker family. A plaque installed by the Prince George’s County Historical Society near the intersection of Walker Drive and Greenbelt Road in 1976 tells stories of a few Walker men. According to the plaque, Isaac Walker along with brothers Nathan and Charles, fled Scotland circa 1750 after participating in the attempt to overthrow King George I. Isaac soon moved to Maryland and established his home, Toaping Castle, in what is now called the golden triangle. Both Isaac and his son Nathan

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## At the Library

### Weekly Storytimes

Wednesday, October 21, Preschool Storytime, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people.

Thursday, October 22, Baby Storytime, 10:15 a.m., for ages 12 to 24 months, limit 20 people; Baby Laptime Storytime, 11:15 a.m., for ages birth to 12 months, limit 20 people; Toddler Storytime, 4:15 p.m., for ages 2 to 3, limit 20 people.

Encourage your child to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library’s storytimes. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event.

### Monthly Storytimes

Monday, October 19, Chinese/English Preschool Storytime, 4:30 p.m. for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people. This bilingual storytime includes children’s stories, songs, rhymes and other activities in Chinese and English. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event.

### Knitting and Crochet

Monday, October 19, 6:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of knitting and crocheting! If possible, please bring your own materials due to limited supplies. No experience required.

### African History & Culture

Tuesday, October 20, 7 p.m. “Haiti: From Independence to Earthquake & Beyond” will be the next session of the fall season in this audio-visual lecture series presented by C.R. Gibbs, historian of the African Diaspora. Other sessions will be presented during the fall on Tuesday evenings through November 17.

### Master Gardener

Saturday, October 24, 2 p.m.: Soil Amendments, Fertilizers and Mulches. Know what your soil needs to produce the biggest and beautiful flowers and vegetables.

## Joint Sponsorship For Empty Bowls

- by Carol Griffith

Greenbelt Community Church (United Church of Christ) and Mishkan Torah Synagogue, in collaboration with Greenbelt Pottery, Inc., are sponsoring again this year the Greenbelt Empty Bowls Project. It will be held at the Community Church on Saturday, October 24, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Greenbelt Pottery Inc. members have used their time, talent and materials to craft unique bowls. Each attendee can choose a bowl from among the many variously colored and shaped bowls and have a dinner of homemade soup, bread, salad and desserts.


Help-by-Phone is the recipient of all proceeds from the Empty Bowls Project. Help-by-Phone has served Prince George’s County residents for more than 40 years by providing emergency food from pantries created by donations, and by sponsoring two cold-weather homeless shelters – Safe Haven for men, and Warm Nights, which provides shelter for families in volunteer churches throughout the county. Greenbelt Community Church is one of the churches that host Safe Haven for a brief period every winter. The Empty Bowls Project was created in 1991 to provide support for food banks, soup kitchens and other organizations that fight hunger. The Greenbelt event is one of many throughout the world.

Tickets for the Greenbelt Empty Bowls Project may be obtained from the Greenbelt Community Church office at 301-474-6171 or from Kathy Reynolds at 301-474-4372 or Marsha Voigt at 301-345-7631. The church is located at 1 Hillside Rd.





GREENBELT COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE



### Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance

#### Celebrate Co-op Month 2015 in Greenbelt

**Oct. 1-30**  
Loan Specials, including Fall Auto Sale, GFCU

**Oct. 3-30**  
Co-op Alliance Display at Greenbelt Library

**Oct. 1**  
Chico Bag Fundraiser Begins. (GNS)

**Oct. 16 4-7 pm**  
Wine Tasting, Greenbelt Consumer Co-op

**Oct. 17 9-12 pm**  
Community Shredding Event, GFCU, behind its building

**Oct. 18**  
**12:30 pm** Co-op movies, Old Greenbelt Theatre  
**4 pm** News Review Annual Meeting, Community Center

**Oct. 20**  
**10 am-2 pm** City Wide Health Fair, City and GHI at Community Center

**4-6 pm** Member Benefits Q&A, GCC

**Oct. 23 4-7 pm**  
Wine and Pumpkin Beer Tasting, GCC

**Oct. 25 6:30 pm**  
Co-op Movies, Old Greenbelt Theatre

**Oct. 27 2-4 pm**  
Member Benefits Q&A, Greenbelt Consumer Co-op

**Oct. 28**  
**9 am-9 pm** Patron Appreciation Day, GCC  
**4-7 pm** Tasting of Co-op Winemakers' Wines, GCC  
**5 pm** Seasonal and Savory Demonstration, GCC

Abbreviations: (GNS) Greenbelt Nursery School; (GFCU) Greenbelt Federal Credit Union; (GHI), Greenbelt Homes Inc.; (NDC) New Deal Café; (GNR) Greenbelt News Review ; (GCC) Greenbelt Consumer Co-op AKA Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy.



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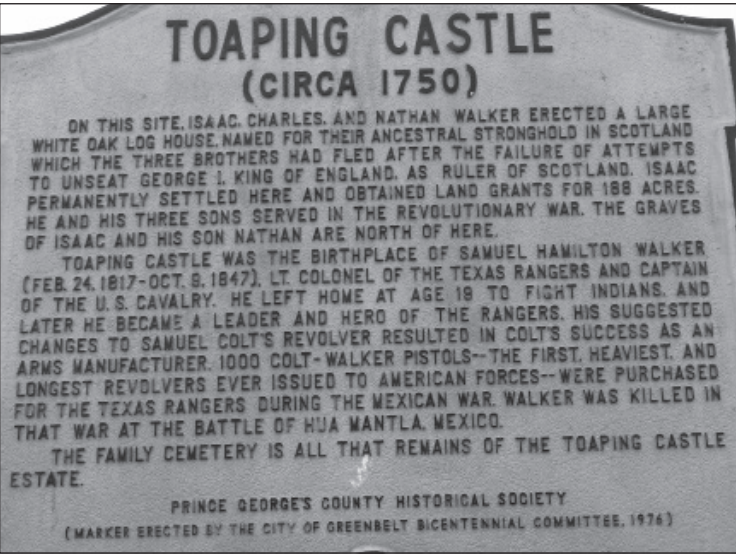


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This sign, on Walker Drive describes Toaping Castle and the Walker family.

would later fight in the Revolutionary War and markers placed by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) at the family grave site honor them for their service.

One well-known member of this line of Walkers is Samuel Hamilton Walker, grandson to Isaac, who was born at Toaping Castle in 1817. He went on to both become a notable Texas Ranger and to work with Samuel Colt, developing the famed Colt-Walker pistol. He died in 1847 during a battle of the Mexican-American War. One wonders if this Walker, namesake of Walker County, Texas, was the inspiration for the 1990s TV show Walker, Texas Ranger.

One curiosity about the Walker family is the claim that Isaac had to flee Scotland after attempting to “unseat George I, King of England.” The source for this was likely the flowery family pamphlet *The Walker’s of Toaping Castle*, published in 1883 and written by Samuel Hamilton Walker (although not, of course, the Samuel Hamilton Walker, Texas Ranger). In it, the writer decried the crowning of a German as George I and stated “this foreign substitution ... was revolting to the sensitive sensibilities of many Scottish chiefs ...” After taking up arms and enduring “many disastrous encounters with the Power of England ... the remainder sought safety from the wrath of the King and fled to foreign soil.” Included in these taking flight, according to the pamphlet, was our Isaac.

King George I died in 1727 when young Isaac, born in 1721, would have been but six. It seems more likely that if Isaac was forced to flee Scotland around 1750 due to trying to depose a monarch, it would be King George II, not George I.

In a 1969 letter to the Prince George’s County Historical Society, Walker descendent Warren O. Simonds lamented the lack of care given the Walker family graveyard. “At the time of the sale of our home place to the Federal Government for Greenbelt,” he wrote, “we were assured the graveyard would be given

perpetual care. This has not materialized as expected.”

Simonds wrote that family members buried at the site include Isaac, son Nathan, Isaac’s wife Elizabeth Stuart Walker, Nathan’s wives Nancy Baggerly Walker and Elizabeth Thomas Walker, Nathan’s son, Nathan Walker Jr., as well as “a number of ... good and faithful slaves.”

Buddy Attick recalled playing amongst the Walker headstones as a young boy and that by 1963 when Wilfong wrote, the “very old, flat, slab type” of stone described by Attick was no longer in evidence at the gravesite.

Today all that is visible at the Walker family burial plot, a fenced-in area at the top of the Golden Triangle, are the markers for Isaac and his son Nathan that were placed by the DAR. The stones marking the graves of women, children and those held as slaves have long disappeared.

**Hamilton**

At the end of Hamilton Place, past the GHI office and beyond the community gardens, is a slender wooden display case that holds six headstones, all that remain from the Hamilton family burial plot. Writing in the February 27, 1969 issue of the *News Review*, Prince George’s County Historical Society member Jim Smith drew attention to the remains of this “Revolutionary War family,” caught in a plot of land of unknown jurisdiction. Wilfong

wrote in 1963 of the challenges of finding what Hamilton heir owned the small plot of land, now dense with underbrush, from which Giese would later salvage the stones. The headstones were held in the Public Works office until placed in their current home, near the original family graveyard. While much is known of the aforementioned Turner and Walker families, little is known of the Hamiltons, themselves major land owners of the area, holding at one time 432 acres of what is present-day Greenbelt.

Dorothy Sucher’s May 1997 article for the *News Review* noted that the last Hamilton owner of the property, Samuel, was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates; his father, Andrew Hamilton (1752 to 1823), was a justice of the peace. One of the Walker sons married a Hamilton daughter, the Walker family pamphlet tells us, but so much about the Hamiltons remains uncertain. At one time there were informative papers included by the city inside the Hamilton display case. Those papers are now gone, but included is a list of those “known to have been buried at the site.” These were Andrew, his wife Jane (1727-1824), Colonel Samuel Hamilton (1783-1875), Samuel’s first wife, Elizabeth (1787-1834), Samuel’s second wife, Elizabeth (1795-1847) and Samuel’s daughter Jane, who died at aged 47 through birth and death dates are unlisted.

Of the historical family burial plots in Greenbelt, it is the Hamilton plot that has the greatest number of surviving headstones. The Hamiltons’ is a local history waiting still to be written.

**How Many Gravesites?**

In Smith’s 1969 article for the *News Review*, he noted that the undeveloped “triangle of land” at Hillside and Research was a cemetery, although by 1969 no stones remained still visible. Virta said that there is historical evidence of a pre-Civil War era Union Meeting House (non-denominational chapel) on the site. One could speculate that a graveyard on the site may have been affiliated with that; it could also, however, have been a family burial plot, origins

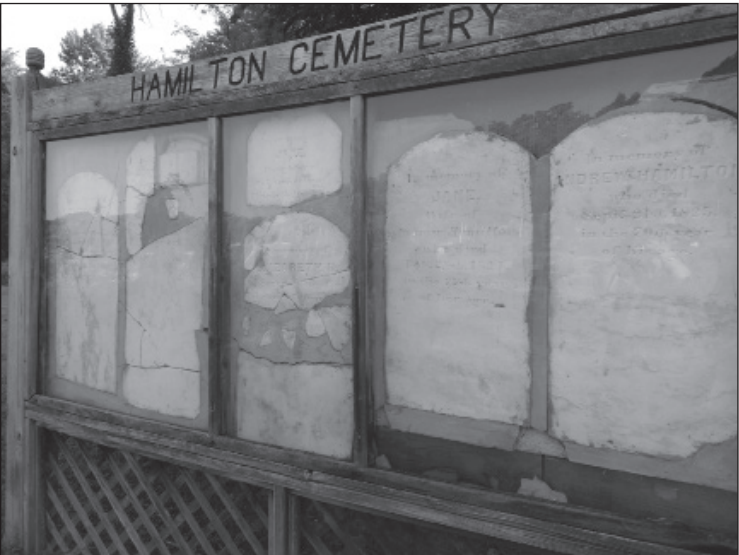


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Some of the stones of the Hamilton cemetery were placed inside this case to prevent further erosion.

lost over time.

Virta also provided evidence of a fifth historic Greenbelt cemetery. Maps from 1962 indicate a cemetery on what was then Schrom land near the present-day Capital Beltway/Baltimore-Washington Parkway interchange. Who was buried there? What happened to the headstones when construction for the Beltway commenced?

A study of the historic gravesites of Greenbelt leaves me wondering how many more burial plots lie around, or even beneath, the town? Who else are we slowly forgetting? How many stories are there yet to be written?

*The writer would like to acknowledge Daniel Hamlin and Alan Virta for their extensive contributions to this story.*

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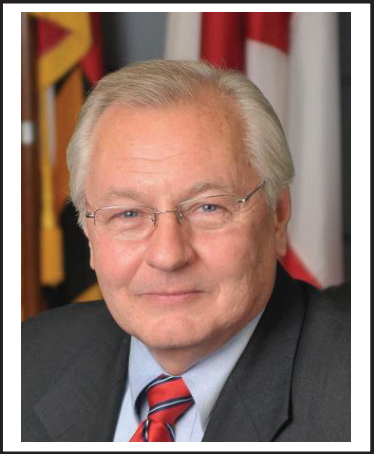
The group begins on Tuesday, October 20 from 6 to 8 pm through November 24.

Please contact Christine Chianese, PsyD at [pointbalanceat@gmail.com](mailto:pointbalanceat@gmail.com) or 240-473-2104 for more information or to sign up for a group pre-session.

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A Review

True Blue Tru

by Jim Link

Council, SHA Discuss Greenbelt Station Interchange, Other Issues

by Kathleen Gallagher

What a pleasure it is to watch Larry LaRose channel Truman Capote in Tru, the one-man show on now at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

LaRose excavates the complex layers of Capote’s glorious and tortured personality without falling into caricature. He skillfully gives us not only the waspish, fey, dwarfish, glittering, addicted Capote, but also has vulnerable, tender, abandoned, struggling side.

Tru’s excellent director Gayle Negri says it well: “Tru takes place over two days in 1975 at Christmas. An excerpt from Capote’s infamous unfinished roman a clef, Answered Prayers, recently has been published in Esquire. Having recognized thinly veiled versions of themselves, Manhattan socialites such as Babe Paley and Slim Keith turn their backs on the man they considered a close confidant. Capote soothes himself with pills, vodka, cocaine and chocolate.”

LaRose gives Negri kudos: “It is important to have a director as observant as Gayle...She does not overplay the dramatic; Gayle is a master at disciplining the actor to stay tru(e) to the material.”

Negri doesn’t let LaRose merely stand still or sit intoning Capote’s words; she moves him about – decorating his Christmas tree, talking on the phone, accepting gifts at the door – “The three magi?” LaRose is constantly in motion, addressing the audience directly and intimately, pouring out a steady flow of wit, insight and bitchiness that rivets us. Capote is “back in town, armed and dangerous” and “famous for being famous.” At one point he fears he’s become “the poet laureate of the lavatory wall.”



PHOTO BY BARBARA LAMBERT

Larry LaRose as Truman Capote

Roy Peterson’s set decoration and dressing design enhance the play superbly. He has collected period piece tchotchkes, furniture, lamps, phone and an impressive replica of Capote’s view from his 22nd floor at 860 United Nations Plaza in NYC.

With Malca Giblin as producer, what’s not to like?

I missed hearing something by Capote about his dear friend Harper Lee (To Kill a Mockingbird), who accompanied him to Kansas to boost his morale while writing In Cold Blood. Also not in the script by Jay Presson Allen is Capote’s acid comment on Jack Kerouac’s unpolished continuous spontaneous loghorrea in On the Road: “That’s not writing; that’s typing.”

But at a feast we can’t covet scraps. Relish this wickedly delicious banquet of Capote on Friday and Saturday (8 p.m.) and Sunday (2 p.m.) on October 16, 17 and 18.



PHOTO BY BARBARA LAMBERT

Truman Capote (Larry LaRose) relishes penny candy for the holidays

On September 21 the Greenbelt City Council held a work-session with representatives from the State Highway Administration (SHA) to receive an update on SHA’s plans for beltway interchange ramps at Greenbelt Metro Station. Also of particular interest were possibilities for enhanced noise barriers along the beltway.

At an earlier meeting with SHA in June, council had requested answers or updates on a number of specific topics involving state-maintained roadways in the city. Those responses were also presented and discussed at the night’s meeting.

The existing beltway access to the station functions only for commuters, in that drivers can enter the station only from the eastbound inner loop and exit only onto the westbound outer loop.

It has always been on the horizon that if Greenbelt Station were fully developed, the access would likely have to be upgraded to a full interchange. While the state has been planning for that eventuality for years and the project is partially funded, SHA now has to throw into the mix various scenarios regarding the possible relocation of the FBI to Greenbelt Station. For that reason, as well as because of changes in conditions that have occurred over the years since the project was first studied, plans for the most part remain in development and updates continue rather undefined.

According to a memorandum prepared by Greenbelt Community Planner Jessica Bellah, over the last year SHA has conducted traffic volume studies to evaluate what transportation improvements are needed to mitigate traffic resulting from transit-oriented development as well as a relocated FBI headquarters.

All members of council were present, as were Bellah and City Manager Michael McLaughlin. Representing SHA were John Webster, a consultant project engineer, and Sean C. Johnson, a transportation manager and noise abatement team leader team in the office’s Community Design Division.

**Priority Areas**

Mayor Emmett Jordan noted that the interchange project is

divided into three priority areas. Webster explained that it is one large project, which includes improvements along I-95/I-495 from Route 1 to the Baltimore-Washington (B/W) Parkway, and the upgrading of the Metro station interchange. SHA has sectioned it into what it regards as logical breaks. Webster added that part of the project is in the state budget, but that since funding is constrained, they are doing what they can now.

Priority Area 1, which includes the Greenbelt Metro interchange, runs from the Metro Station to Route 201 (Kenilworth Avenue). If the FBI is the tenant at the station, the agency’s security requirements may affect plans for the design of the interchange. Priority Area 2, which was partially completed in 2005, runs from Route 1 to the Metro station. Over the last decade, however, significant increases in traffic on I-95 and I-495 have occurred, challenging the assumptions of the time. Priority Area 3 runs from Route 201 to the B/W Parkway.

According to Bellah, SHA concluded from its traffic models that only Priority Area 1 may require Federal Highway Administration approval. For the time being, SHA will move forward only with plans for Area 1, the original area of the project.

**Noise Barriers**

Long a topic of interest for residents of Greenbelt, sound barriers are being planned for new segments of the beltway, and upgrades to current standards are planned for existing barriers. Councilmember Silke Pope expressed concern that the barriers shown on the map for the beltway adjacent to Belle Point were broken into segments that would be less protective than the more

extensive barriers designated for locations farther west.

Johnson explained that what they would do in that area was still to be determined because they had not yet finished the analysis. Pope said it makes her nervous when people say they are proposing, studying and thinking about things. According to Johnson, most of the analysis should be done by November.

Councilmember Judith Davis asked if they were planning to widen the beltway at any point, adding that her understanding was that widening was one justification for noise barriers. Johnson replied that they plan to widen it between Route 1 and Greenbelt Station, but any other points would require analysis that show increased traffic justified additional barriers.

The mayor noted that sound barriers have environmental impacts, which moved the conversation in that direction. Webster said they are dealing now only with preliminary environmental impacts and will get much more into that later.

**Timeline**

Jordan asked about a timeline on the design phase, to which Webster replied that it depends on the FBI. Noting that the FBI intends to announce a decision in May, he thought there might be some semi-final designs by December 2016.

Asked by Jordan if staff had anything to point out that the city should particularly keep an eye on, Bellah shook her head and said it would be difficult to say now. She said that planners tend to deal in specific numbers – how tall, how wide, how deep things are.

“Right now,” she said, “all of those numbers are up in the air.”

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**Fiscal Restraint**

An increase in assessed property values should not be used to justify an automatic increase in spending. In fact, there should be pressure for a decrease in the tax rate to limit the economic impact on families who have seen little or no increase in household income since the start of the recession. We need to fund public safety, infrastructure, and staff. Beyond this, we must focus on economic development to expand the commercial tax base before we attempt to fund any new projects.



**Meet the Candidate!**

Please join me this Sunday for a discussion of issues and ideas important to you and Greenbelt.

New Deal Cafe; Oct 18, 3-5pm



# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police).

**DWI/DUI**  
September 27, 12:40 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue near I-95. A 35-year-old resident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol- and traffic-related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

**Assault**  
October 4, 1:24 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A man leaving an apartment building was assaulted by three men. He was transported to Doctors Community Hospital for treatment.

**Theft**  
October 1, 5 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. Keys and money were taken at LA Fitness after breaking into a locker.

October 5, 6:25 a.m., 99 Centerway. Glass on the front of a vending machine was broken and food removed at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

October 5, 9:02 a.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended tablet-style computer was taken at Foot Locker.

October 5, 9:30 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

October 7, 11 a.m., 7600 block Hanover Parkway. A cell phone was taken from an unsecured locker at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

**Burglary**  
October 3, 9:45 a.m., 7800 block Greenbrook Drive. A woman sleeping in her bedroom awoke to find a man she knew in the room. He left the residence, taking her cell phone. An officer saw him driving nearby and when he stopped the vehicle, the man fled in it. Warrants were obtained, charging the 32-year-old nonresident with fourth-degree burglary, theft and failure to obey a lawful order.

*The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS.*  
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**Vandalism**  
October 7, 2 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. The bedroom window of a residence was broken with a rock.

**Vehicle Crime**  
A silver 4-door 2004 Chrysler Sebring with Md. tags 13Z635 was taken from 21 Court Ridge on October 6.

Thefts from autos were reported in the 9100 block Springhill Lane, where documents were taken from an unlocked vehicle, and in the 6200 block Springhill Court, where clothing, sneakers and a video game were taken.

Paint was scratched, the interior vandalized and a child’s laptop computer were taken from a vehicle in the 9100 block Edmonston Road.

Two tires were slashed in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace.

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That notwithstanding, Webster suggested there might be an informational public meeting later in the fall.

**Other Issues**  
Council then reviewed responses and updates provided by SHA to the city manager in follow-up to the meeting held last June, some of which are included below.

The new intersection at Greenbelt Station Parkway and Greenbelt Road is underway and expected to be completed in the fall.

Things may be looking up for pedestrians in the area of Southway and Greenbelt Road. SHA has been asked to undertake a project to install crosswalks on Southway at the ramps off and on the B/W Parkway. Crossing facilities will include accessible pedestrian signals, countdown signals and remaps. The design request was approved in August and will likely take 12 to 18

months to complete. As yet, there is no design or construction schedule.

Venu Nemani, assistant district engineer for SHA, District 3, in-

tends to study the whole area of Greenbelt Road from Southway to Hanover Parkway to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and access.



**Wanted: Paper Only**  
**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**  
**For our semi-annual Shredding Day**  
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**CITY ELECTION INFORMATION**  
**ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE BY EARLY VOTING or ABSENTEE VOTING NO MORE EXCUSES!**  
  
EARLY VOTING: Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by EARLY VOTING.  
  
**EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS**  
**Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse**  
6915 Hanover Parkway  
Saturday, October 17th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and  
Sunday, October 18th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
  
**Springhill Lake Recreation Center**  
6101 Cherrywood Lane  
Saturday, October 24th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and  
Sunday, October 25th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
  
**Greenbelt Municipal Building**  
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Mondays – Fridays  
October 19th – October 30th, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
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An ABSENTEE BALLOT may be requested in one of two ways. Each individual requesting a ballot must submit a separate, signed application form or letter.  
  
**Fill out an application form** that you may 1) pick up in the City Clerk’s office, 2) request from the City Clerk by phone at 301-474-8000 or by e-mail at [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov), or 3) print from the City’s Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>; or  
  
**Write a letter of application** to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, including your full name, domicile address in Greenbelt, signature, and telephone number.  
  
Military service members, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request an absentee ballot for City election.  
  
Applications to receive absentee ballots must be received by noon on Monday, November 2, 2015. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 3, 2015. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 14.  
  
Return your executed absentee ballot by 1) sending it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by November 5, 2) hand-delivering it to the City Clerk’s office, or 3) placing it in the locked drop-box at the east door of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road.  
  
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As required by Section 14 of the City Charter, Greenbelt will hold a regular City Council election on  
  
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**Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**  
  
Any qualified registered voter with an address within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt may vote in City elections.  
  
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A sample ballot was mailed out to each home as part of the Greenbelt Bulletin, available on a flier at the Municipal Building and is posted on the City’s website at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/elections](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/elections).  
  
**SAMPLE BALLOT \***  
  
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(VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN SEVEN)  

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<b>Susan H. Stewart</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Emmett V. Jordan</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Leta M. Mach</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Konrad E. Herling</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Rodney M. Roberts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Edward V.J. Putens</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Judith F. Davis</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Kathleen Marie Shaw</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Bill Orleans</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>George R. Boyce</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>WRITE-IN (7 provided)</b>	
<b>* This is a Sample Ballot, not an actual one.</b>	

**Election information is available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/elections](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/elections)**

**LEARN ABOUT THE CANDIDATES!**  
Tune into Greenbelt Municipal Access (Verizon 21 and Comcast 71) at 10am, 2pm and 6pm from October 14-19 to see the candidates speak at the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition held last week.  
On Tuesday, October 20 at 7pm, tune in to watch a  
CANDIDATES’ FORUM sponsored by GHI, live on Greenbelt Municipal Access. Both forums will then be repeated on the channel until the election. Make sure to take advantage of the many different voting opportunities that are available to you.  
  
**Have a voice in your community and make the effort to vote for City Council!**



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**The RFP**

According to Craze, subsequent to direction from council to take the steps necessary to proceed with that task, the RFP was drafted and then edited following review by the members of FPAB during its meetings in February and March of this year. The RFP was sent out to 145 consulting firms and individuals in April, including names submitted by FPAB members as well as those researched by staff.

Five proposals were received, one of which was eliminated as nonresponsive. Two were judged by staff to be particularly competitive: the one from AMT and a proposal from Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. (ESA), which has done previous work for the city and is presently the city’s environmental consulting firm for the Greenbelt Station development.

Going into the August work-session, the staff recommendation leaned slightly in the direction of AMT, in part because of its grasp on the importance of involving the Greenbelt community in the process. Review comments submitted by FPAB members indicated that the five who recommended selection of a proposal all recommended AMT.

Other FPAB members called for starting the entire process over. They objected to the wording of the RFP, which they thought caused some candidates to self-select out. They particularly objected to the selection of a multidisciplinary firm like AMT, which they believed contradicted the intent of the management and maintenance guidelines to select “an appropriately trained forest biologist/ecologist or horticulturalist” to undertake the work.

In addition, the objecting members believed that too many of the targeted firms who received the proposal were drawn from a listing of providers under the state’s Forest Conservation Act, which they did not consider to be compatible with the preservation orientation needed to evaluate and make recommendations for the Forest Preserve.

**“The Roberts Motion”**

Following a motion from Councilmember Judith Davis on September 28 to approve the offering of the contract to AMT, Councilmember Rodney Roberts strongly objected to council’s taking this action, saying it contradicted his unanimously adopted motion of last year to engage a forest biologist or ecologist. While Roberts’ own objection to council’s adjustment of thinking on the earlier motion was understandable, some members of FPAB and other audience members inexplicably continued to refer to “The Roberts Motion” as if it had been engraved in stone,

allowing no further reconsideration or modification by the same elected officials who passed it in the first place.

In fact, other councilmembers spoke, as they had at the work-session, to say they had come to appreciate that the complexity of the issues involving the preserve required a group that had within it the variety of expertise needed to successfully do the job. Craze also commented that in exploring the issue it had become apparent that terms like “forest biologist” and “forest ecologist” were often self-assigned and not narrowly defined. She said staff believed AMT to “have the necessary foundation of professional experience.”

At the same time, there continued to be objection from others that firms who featured their engineering and landscaping capabilities were not of a mindset that was appropriate to the work at hand.

Although there continued to be strong opinion that was not susceptible to much compromise, including the issue of whether the forest should be left alone or subject to some level of “management,” other speakers raised gray areas. As she had also done at the earlier worksession, Susan Barnett suggested that work needed to be done on better defining terms to enable thinking and discussion to move forward. She suggested that “management” was a concept that was complex in the context of the preserve.

FPAB member and biologist Damien Ossi noted that the Forest Preserve has already been subjected to a great deal of disturbance and that some level of management might be needed to minimize future impacts.

Several speakers supported the data collection that would result from the assessment but suggested making use of that without necessarily accepting specific recommendations that came out of the study. Davis agreed. She said the city needs more information and that while it does not have to accept the recommendations, it will know what the possible outcomes of various decisions would be.

Jordan also agreed, adding that he believed the process of selection had neither been perfect nor gravely flawed and that he thought the RFP adequately represented what council wanted. “It’s a tool,” he said. “We don’t have to accept the recommendations.”

At the September 28 meeting, people tended to hold to whatever position they had taken at the worksession. New voices included support from FPAB member Joe Murray for council’s action, saying he supported the “team approach” to doing the work and that he looked forward to all that could be learned from the study. FPAB President Valerie Elliott suggested that the initial assessment should be as comprehensive as possible and that subsequent ones could afford to be more specialized.

City council candidate Susan Stewart also spoke in support of council’s action to seek assessment of the forest, noting that while it might go against the flow of some of the discussion for her to say so, she was greatly concerned with the problems created by invasive species.



**Reserve Display Space For Healing Arts Day**

Community Hospices is sponsoring a Healing Arts Day as part of the Health and Wellness Fair that the City of Greenbelt, Doctors Hospital and Greenbelt Homes Inc. hold annually. The event takes place on Tuesday, October 20 from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Community Center. This free, family-friendly event is open to the public.

Health and healing vendors can reserve free space by contacting Margaret Capurso at 301-560-6002 or [mcapurso@community-hospices.org](mailto:mcapurso@community-hospices.org).

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National Walk to School Day

by Sue Krofchik



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Left to right: Employees Kitty, Nicole, Keirston, Christina and Ashley provide services to credit union members

They did it – 100 consecutive quarters. The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union (GFCU) achieved this milestone after yet another 5-Star Superior rating was awarded for the quarter ending June 2015 by BauerFinancial, the nation’s leading independent bank and credit union rating firm. The 5-Star Superior rating is the highest possible and places the GFCU in an elite category as one of the strongest credit unions in the nation, operating well above regulatory capital requirements.

“GFCU’s achievement is a result of its commitment to the community it serves,” announced Karen L. Dorway, president of BauerFinancial. She described it as a symbiotic relationship wherein the more success members have, the more success the GFCU will have.

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It was the first financial institution in Greenbelt, begun in 1937 as a place for Greenbelt pioneers to place their savings, and

was located in the neighborhood commercial center now known as Roosevelt Center. All other original businesses, except for the Co-op Supermarket and Old Greenbelt Theatre, have come and gone over the last 78 years, but the GFCU can still be found there today. Other financial institutions once in the center have also left. The GFCU’s 78-year history corroborates its commitment to stability.

Serving as treasurer of the board of directors and general manager of the GFCU over these last 100 successful quarters is Cynthia Comproni, who began working there 34 years ago. A staff of five provides services “with a smile,” she said. Adding to Comproni’s leadership is that of the board of directors, currently President Elaine Cameron, Vice President Joe Timer, Comproni, Secretary Chuck Hess and members Ed James, Ferdinand Johnson and William Stoddard.

Star ratings are determined by a complex formula that factors in data such as capital, historical trends, profitability, repossessed assets, reserves, charge-offs, regulatory compliance and asset quality.



Students walk to Springhill Lake Elementary. National Walk/ Bike to School Day aims at promoting healthy habits of getting exercise while going to and from school. On this day, Greenbelt City Police walked with students to school.

Photos by George Mathews, Public Information Officer, Greenbelt Police Department.



Greenbelt Elementary students stop for a break at a playground on the way to school.



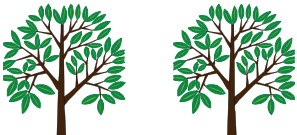
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By Authority: Debbie Cooley, Treasurer   Photo: Barry Bordas

J makes time for numerous visits to all Greenbelt schools, meeting with children, teachers and parents.

J promoted Greenbelt earning a Sustainable Maryland Certified City designation

J suggested the Greenbelt property tax credit that piggybacks on the State’s program, thus lessening the impact of property taxes for qualified applicants.

J instituted regular meetings with important City Stakeholders, such as GEAC, GHI, Beltway Plaza and WMATA

J was instrumental in convincing the State to set aside the forested wetland area, 1/3 of the Greenbelt Metro site

J requested that an employee identification card system be developed

J urged that Fire Department be added to Police Station directional signs

J brought the idea to hold a Naturalization Ceremony in Greenbelt.

J promoted a citywide visioning process as a vehicle for input of citizens’ ideas concerning goals for Greenbelt’s future.

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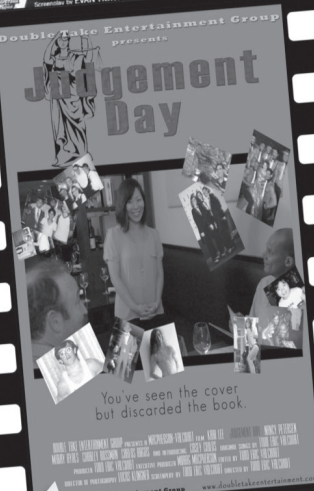
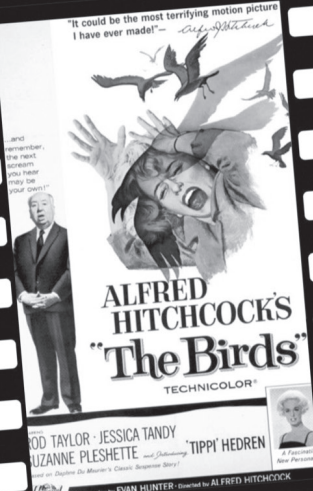
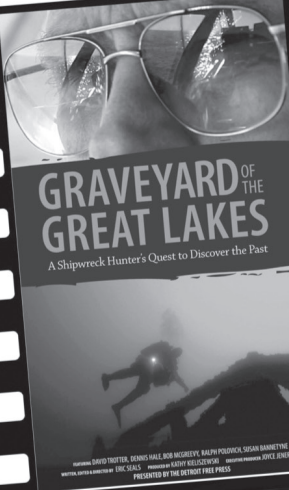
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